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Tories lifted by Lamont's autumn path to recovery

CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

NORMAN Lamont lifted the morale of Conservative MPs yesterday with a £4 billion recovery package which centred on special help for the housing and car industries and provided a 1 per cent cut in interest rates.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer outlined his new "strategy for growth" aimed at rebuilding confidence along-side a raft of tough public spending curbs. These included a rigid 1.5 per cent ceiling on pay for five million public-

sector workers.

He was hailed by senior Tory MPs last night for giving a "blood transfusion" to British industry and for cutting interest rates to 7 per cent, the lowest level for 15 years, but he was attacked by Labour and the unions for making lower paid workers the scapegoat for his economic failures. The construction industry called the measures encouraging and the Confederation of British Industry praised Mr Lamont for following many of its suggestions. However, the CBI also called for a further

cut in interest rates. Tory MPs congratulated the Chancellor for producing an imaginative package that combined cuts in the defence and local government budgets with protection for the electorally sensitive areas of health and education. The education budget will be £1.5 billion higher in 1995-6 than this year and National Health Service funds will go up by

The big surprise was the abolition of the car tax, which will save consumers about £400 on the average family car. Capital projects fared well at the expense of current spending, enabling Mr Lamont to give the go-ahead to the £1.8 billion Jubilee Line London Underground extension to Docklands.

Conservative MPs were relieved that threatened cutbacks in social security benefits and increases in National Insurance contributions had failed to materialise. Pensions and benefits will go up in line with inflation.

The Chancellor, under dire pressure only weeks ago after Britain's withdrawal from the European exchange-rate mechanism has undoubtedly bolstered his position. But senior Tories recognised that vesterday's settlement may have stored up difficulties for the future, and severe action will be needed to contain borrowing, which is likely to reach £45 billion by next year. Mr Lamont announced that the government had already

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☐ Special car tax of 5 per cent abolished. ☐ National insurance rates unchanged. ☐ Pensions, benefits to rise in line with

☐ Package of tax Incentives to help industry. ☐ Extra £750m for buying up properties.

Local council go-shead to spend £1.75 bn in capital receipts. Increase in road building and approval for the £1.5bn Jubilee Line extension to Docklands.

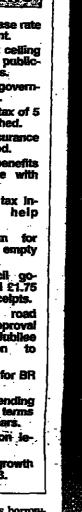
Extra £150m for BR rolling stock. Detence spending to fall in real terms over next few years. ☐ Restrictions on legal aid budget. ☐1 per cent growth forecast for 1993.

been forced to lift its borrowing this year to £37 billion £28 billion. His special package was drawn up in consultafter a welter of protest in

Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, said the Autumn Statement amounted to no more than a set of halfmeasures. They would not bring unemployment down, improve the balance of payments or stop the rise in business failures or repossessions. "The government's conversion is skin deep," he said. The immediate focus of Mr

Lamont's package is the recession-hit housing industry. He will make about £750 million available immediately to the Housing Corporation to buy. 20,000 empty properties for people in housing need. He is to allow local councils throughout the country to spend £1.75 billion on homes and other building projects from the receipts of council house sales and other income. which has previously been

frozen under Treasury rules. British Rail will be able to lease stock from the makers or private companies. In a further boost for industry, capital



recent months from industry.

The Chancellor may have to consider raising taxes to limit borrowing in next year's Budget and he told MPs that his concession to help the car industry would have to be paid for through higher motoring taxes next year. MPs will be asked to accept the pay squeeze and ministers will be given no

pay rise, Mr Lamont said.



Pay policy reversal puts 1.5% limit on state sector

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE government yesterday reversed 13 years of policy by announcing a specific pay ceiling of rises of a maximum of 1.5 per cent for more than five million public sector

Cabinet ministers, judges, senior civil servants and armed forces, personnel will receive no increase, and the government will recommend that MPs' pay should also be

Analysis, pages 2 and 3 Parliament, pages 4 and 5 Peter Riddell, page 18 Leading article, page 19 Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, said in his autumn statement that it had been necessary for the government to take "tough decisions" over Base-rate cut, page 25 Economic view, page 29 public sector pay, but minis-

ters insisted that without pay restraint in the public sector there would be less money to fund programmes to promote recovery contained in the statement. Since coming to power in 1979, the Conservatives have rejected any form of incomes policy, and in particular have repeatedly re-

fused to make public any operational limits on rises in the public sector. The announcement that public sector pay settlements will be limited to 0-1.5 per cent is a reversal of this stand. Steohen Dorrell financial

a "pay policy" yesterday, but

refused to say whether the policy reversal was an indication of the severity of the economic and political crisis

facing the government. He said of the policy: "I am not pretending there is no change. I am not saying it is a complete aboutface it is an evolution of policy reflecting the fact that we face a particularly prolonged recession, and we need to suppress expectations below levels which have been regarded as normal for

Mr Dorrell said he did not believe the pay restraint in the secretary, specifically called it public sector would set much Continued on page 3, col 1

French students tunnel their way to England

BY BILL FROST

FIVE French students were last night celebrating their success in breaching Channel Tunnel security and winning a bet that they could not make the full crossing.

The group's attempt to get through was stopped by a security guard only after they had walked 12 miles in eight hours and crossed to the British side. They eluded armed security men in the French part of the tunnel.

Kent police said: "They were discovered by a security guard for the construction company TML". The interlopers. dutching French passports and grinning broadly, were Letters, page 19 taken out of the tunnel and

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questioned by detectives before being put on a ferry to France. French police said last night that the five had been interviewed at length, and may face charges of breaking and entering.

The students, who wore overalls and entered through ventilation pipes at 3.15am on Wednesday, carried a video camera and claimed at first to be making a film for the tunnel owner, Eurotunnel.

They chose Armistice Day, a public holiday in France, hoping that security might be less than usual. Suggestions that the students had blazed a trail for rabid foxes and crazed terrorists were dismissed.

Grim forecast points to a long haul out of recession

vesterday that Britain's longest recession would end early in the new year, but that the ensuing recovery would be far weaker than any recorded since the second world war. City and international in-

vestors generally reacted with disappointment to the Treasury's grim forecasts. concluding that the measures announced yesterday by the Chancellor had not lived up to the government's widely publicised policy switch in favour of recovery and growth. Some analysts predicted further sharp cuts in base rates, noting that the Treasury's assumptions on social security spending sug-gested a possible fall to as low as 5 per cent by next

The Treasury expects the economy to grow by 1 per cent in 1993, even after the investment measures announced yesterday. The figures published by the Treasury also seemed to imply that the one percentannounced yesterday might be insufficient to trigger this weak recovery or reduce unemployment.

Ithough the Treasury makes no formal forecasts of either unemnlovment or interest rates, it publishes "technical assumptions" along with its plans for public spending on social security benefits. These ing slightly to 2.9 million and remaining at that level until 1995. The inflation assumptions built into the social security forecasts suggested that mortgage rates would by about 31/2 percentage points between Septem-ber 1992 and September

Britain's economic prospects have deteriorated sharply. writes Anatole Kaletsky, Economics Editor

1993. Given the cuts of 112 points by building societies in October, the Treasury assumptions implied that bank base rates eventually would be cut by a further two to three percentage points to 5 or 6 per cent by September next year.

Despite the measures to stimulate private investment, capital spending by industry will show no growth at all next year, according to the Treasury's forecasts Investment by government and local authorities will increase by only 1.75 per cent in real terms, compared with the massive 7 per cent growth rate recorded in 1992 as a result of decisions in the last Autumn Statement. The Treasury's figures re-

veal an astonishing deterioration in Britain's economic performance and prospects since the official forecasts published in March alongside Norman Lamont's Budget. Every sector of economic activity is forecast to be much weaker than the Treasury predicted six months ago. The gross domestic product. which was forecast to show 3 per cent growth by the first half of 1993 is now expected to be only 0.2 per cent up. pected to grow by only I per cent, instead of 3 per cent. Investment shows no growth at all. Exports, which should have been 6.5 per cent up. are shown as growing by 4.6 per cent.

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Law officer denies cover-up

allowances are to be increased

for a year to encourage investment in plant and machinery.

He confirmed that this

year's tough spending talks

have allowed the government

to stick to its £244.5 billion

target. The Chancellor accepted during his 40-minute

speech that the recovery fore-

cast at the time of the Budget had not been achieved. "A

strategy that brings renewed

confidence and a return to

growth is more essential than

ever," he said. "But the gov-

ernment has no intention of

engineering a shortlived

boom that would lead swiftly

to higher inflation and higher

interest rates. Our objective is

sustainable, long-term

By Frances GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE attorney-general spoke publicly yesterday about his role in the arms-for-Iraq affair, strongly denying accusations of a cover-up.

In a letter to The Times today. Sir Nicholas Lyell QC says he personally, with coun-sel, had advised ministers in the Matrix Churchill case that they were required by law to claim public interest immuni-

ty on behalf of the Crown. It was not "open to ministers to second-guess the court" on whether documents should be granted public interest immunity and therefore remain confidential, he says. The issue was one for the court, not for the minister, and that would apply equally



Sir Nicholas: ministers 'had to claim immunity' whether the document may be

helpful to the prosecution or to His letter came on the day the prime minister faced accusations from the Opposition of

using Alan Clark, the former defence minister, as a scapegoat for the alleged breach of the embargo on arms exports

At the same time, a second trial of a businessman charged by Customs investigators with illegally supplying machinery to Iraq collapsed in a fiveminute hearing as prosecution counsel offered no evidence. Sir Nicholas says in his letter that had any of the

documents shown that it was unfair to continue the Matrix Churchill case at the stage when the public interest immunity certificates were signed the proceedings would have been withdrawn at once.

Major issues, page 9

Navy bears

brunt of

forces cuts

MALCOLM Rifkind, the defence secretary, saw next

vear's budget reduced by

E570 million from the original estimate of £24.09 billion to 523.52 billion, with the navy

bearing the brunt of the cuts.

in ther reduction of £480 million in 1994/95 down to £23.75 billion. In 1995/96 his

budget is set at £23.22 billion.

nounced the first wave of

cutbacks with a reduction in

Repair Organisation at Ports-

mouth, the closure of Port-

land naval base and the

transfer of the Royal Navy's sea training unit from Port-land to Devenport.

Mr Rifkind said last night:

The settlement will have no

effect on the government's

commitment to the security of

Northern Ireland or to the

proper support of UK troops deployed on United Nations

£523m more

for education

EDUCATION was one of the

few government departments

to see its budget grow in real terms. A £523 million in-

crease on previous plans will be concentrated on further

education colleges and grant-maintained schools (John

schools will not be deter-

mined until local authority

budgets are allocated, but the

i.5 per cent ceiling on teach-

ers' pay will impose its own

The department estimates

that the £9.523 million

crease. With inflation run-

ning at 3.7 per cent, the increase is 2.3 per cent less in

real terms when this year's

Lean time for

health service

THE health service is facing a

increase of just over £1 billion

next year (Jeremy Laurance

writes). Health authorities

will be seeking to cut waiting lists and implement policies

such as the re-organisation of

health care in London with

less extra money than

Growth will depend on

greater efficiency and savings

from new restrictions on drug

prescribing but will be quickly

swallowed up if the public

sector pay ceiling is breached.

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spending is calculated

O'Leany writes).

He has also accepted a

Magic! Chancellor

evades hail of **Opposition bullets**



MATTHEW PARRIS

POLITICAL SKETCH

unlikely as it sounds, I think it was Oedipus who used to play his lute before dawn. He did so every day without fail, inspiring a dispute among the Ancient Greeks as to whether the arrival of dawn prompted his music, or his music prompted the dawn.

Yesterday, some minutes before the Chancellor rose to deliver his Autumn Statement, Nigel Evans (C. Ribble Valley) called for a cut in interest rates. Resuming his seat and putting his lute away, young Mr Evans heard a treasury minister assure him that his idea would be carefully considered. Moments later, the Chancellor rose. Even Evans cannot have expected such quick results.

The key to the success of the Ribble Valley technique was its boldness. Evans aimed high. Perhaps for this reason Richard Ottaway (C. Croydon S) appeared less likely to get his way with the prime minister than was Nigel Evans with the Chancellor. Mr Ottaway asked the PM to see that Tesco's in Purley was able to carry on opening on Sunday

The prime minister looked convinced, but nothing in his demeanour or reply suggested that he was confident of being able to influence the pattern of shopping in Purley.

Large effects are so often easier for politicians to produce than small ones. If Ottaway had requested a change in economic policy. an international airport for Croydon, or a small foreign war, Mr Major could have arranged it - look what Lamont did for Evans. Mr Lamont's statement

was a resounding political success. With his conspiratorial tone and convoluted eyebrows, the Chancellor has the umnistakeable air of a stage magician. In white tie at the Mansion House recently, he chuckled to his audience that he came was really a Chancellor. To the Commons yesterday, Mr Lamont came dressed as a Chancellor, but ...

It was done with great flourish. As the Liberals' Alan Beith pointed out, Mr Lamont reduced the price of motor cars with one hand. and with the other cut the incomes people have to buy them with. He handed local authorities the key to unlock certain funds, while deftly removing others. Abracadabra! Tory backbenchers rose like a flock of pinand fluttering their order papers in the air. The Oppo-sition looked gutted. In vain did Gordon

Brown, for Labour, spray the Chancellor's getaway car in a hail of bullets. These bullets you can see among the paragraphs which follow. In Fleet Street a "bullet is one of these: ●. Many years ago Mr Brown aban-doned ordinary English prose and began to speak entirely in lists prefaced by bullets. His speech yesterday was composed of fourteen lists, strung together with angry conjuctions. He said that Mr Lamont

had caused: unemployment to rise

• the deficit to worsen greater poverty cuts in the aid budget

• more bankruptcies. Britain was, furthermore, bottom of the EC league in: growth investment

output employment.

Yet he had promised he stay in the ERM not devalue

 get unemployment down • bring recovery. Now he planned to: break

tear up promises add to unemployment

 prolong the recession damage productivity hit the poor and weak. At one point Mr Brown fumbled in his pocket and we began to fear he would bring out a crumpled list and declaim:

• tea-bags • I lb tomatoes ... But no. He stuck to the economy. It was a tragedy. he said. Millions faced:

starvation ... Pencil poised, I waited to rickets but he omitted these.

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.. and sat down. In the questions which followed. Norman Lamont referred, as he had in his statement, to "my next budget. He did not say in which

Aiming for growth: Chancellor tries to end the long decline by giving boost

Lamont puts building and transport top of priorities

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

A SINGLE objective ran like a steel hawser through the package of measures unveiled by the Chancellor yesterday: reversal of the steep decline in Britain's industrial activity. Short-term measures to encourage investment, exports, car sales and the housing market were combined with commitments to transport, infrastructure and training which will take a decade or more to come to fruition.

The table of measures reads like a Confederation of British Industry shopping list. But even with public sector pay increases clamped at 1.5 per cent, the rising cost of Britain's

INDUSTRY

jobless bill has limited the availability of cash to provide a meaningful kick to industry.

There was no euphoric reaction from business organisations. Howard Davies, the director general of the Confederation of British Industry, said: "No one can be sure these measures will be sufficient to bring us out of recession. But they will begin to rebuild industry's confidence in itself and the

Peter Morgan, head of the Institute of Directors, said the



package "ought to do a lot for confidence and more particularly, for activity". But both organisations called for a further cut in interest rates beyond today's 1 percentage point reduction, to 7 per cent.

The Chancellor's measures are targeted at two industries which act as a motor for the rest of the economy: construction and transport. Both have suffered massively during the recession. Short-term stimulus is accompanied by measures which will take some years to

Construction will be stimulated in several ways. The Housing Corporation has been allocated an additional £750 million to buy 20,000 empty properties for rental. Local authorities will be encouraged to spend future proon building new homes. If these measures succeed in arresting the fall in house prices, people may start to move again, boosting busi-ness for the mass of companies which depend on a lively

Public infrastructure spending is to be maintained and British Rail will be allowed to lease trains to upgrade setvices. Private companies will be invited to build and operate new transport links, either in partnership with the govern-ment or alone, under a regime which will enable far more investment than ever the cashstrapped public sector could manage. If profitable opportunities can be identified, this could offer a valuable way to stimulate the construction industry in the longer term and cut the £1.5 billion-a-year cost

to business of transport delays. The big boost to the motor industry will come through abolition of car tax. A rise in car sales would help to reduce the surplus capacity in Britain's car plants and component suppliers.

The Chancellor also introduced a package of allowances designed to encourage companies to bring forward investment in plant and buildings. increased for the next 12 months so that companies will be able to offset 40 per cent of their investment in new equipment, excluding cars, against tax. The allowances will fall back to 25 per cent again after October 31

Companies will also be able to write off against tax 20 per cent of the cost of any new industrial or agricultural building ordered within the next 12 months and completed by the end of 1994. These measures are expected to cost the government a total of £700

hopes the time limit, combined with lower interest rates. will encourage business leaders to bring forward their investment plans. But tax experts said last night that companies would find it difficult to revive investment plans at short notice.

The government has also provided an extra £700 million of cover for ECGD, the government body which insures exporters to countries considered "high risk" such as South Africa and China. But defence spending will fall in real terms, increasing the pressure on equipment manufacturers already engaged in an unprecedented round of closures and job-shedding.

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Car manufacturers surprised by unexpected generosity.

By Kevin Eason, motoring correspondent

today as the Chancellor abolishes the 5 per cent special tax on new cars in the hope that car sales will improve from their lowest point in ten years.

The decision came as manufacturers saw the first sign of an end to three years of falling sales, short-time working and redundancies with output from car plants up by 21.15 per cent in October.

Manufacturers were surprised last night that the Chancellor was willing to forego £100 million this year and £750 million next year. But the overriding need to revive Britain's biggest manufacturing sector, which has lost annual sales worth £6.5 billion in three years, has forced his

The sting in the tail is that the Chancellor threatened to recoup the money by raising extra taxes in next year's

and petrol duties. Analysts warned that petrol could go up by as much as 8p. However, the immediate combination of a further cut in interest rates and the abolition of the special

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car tax could be crucial. The decision means that a Ford Fiesta 1.1LX, which was £8,705 yesterday, will be £8,357 today, a saving of £348. An Escort 1.4LX comes down by £440 to £10,550 and a Sierra 1.8LX, which was £13.130, comes down by £525 to £12.605. Buyers who have ordered their car but had not been invoiced, paid for or collected their cars up to midnight, will qualify.

The biggest savings will come in the hard-hit luxury car sector where companies

THE COST of an average Budget, which suggests big such as Jaguar have seen sales A £28,780 Ford Granada Scorpio — a typical director's car — comes down by £1,151 to £27,629 today.

From being top of Europe's league of taxes on cars with car tax and 17.5 per cent value-added tax, Britain slips back behind Belgium, which levies VAT of 25 per cent, France with 22 per cent and Italy with 19 per cent. Ford said: "There are plenty

of people out there who want to buy but simply do want to risk spending money. This might just be enough to get things going at last."

Vauxhall immediately re-

vised gloomy sales forecasts from 1.55 million this year to 1.65 million in 1993. Neil Marshall, chief economist for the Retail Motor Industry Federation, said:

The Chancellor has finally

Spending on the NHS in England will rise to £29 billion, a 3.8 per cent cash increase over the forecast total for this year and equiva-lent to a real increase of I per cent, assuming inflation of 2.8 per cent.

Arts suffer cut in real terms

THE arts world was split between relief and disap-pointment yesterday as Arts Council funding was reduced in real terms. But pledges were made to save the British Library's new building project at St Pancras, London, and to help the British film industry.
The heritage department will receive £990.54 million

for its 1993-4 spending programmes, £30 million less than would be required to match the proportion of total public spending granted in the current year.

The Arts Council's budget was increased two per cent. taking it to £225.36 million. Lord Palumbo, chairman of the council, said that the settlement would sustain most arts organisations.

Spending axe falls on parks

FIONA Reynolds, the director of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, said it was "back to the bad old days for the national parks", after learning that spending on the ten parks in England and Wales would be taking the most significant trimming of any of the government's environmental programmes (Michael McCarthy writes). Although spending in the current year is likely to match last year's £15 million fore-

cast, the increase of nearly 9 per cent planned for 1993-94 to £16.3 million has been cut to 4 per cent, at £15.6 million. This means a virtual standstill in expenditure in real terms,

GUARDED WELCOME FROM BUSINESS AND INDIVIDUALS: CHANGES SHOW THE



Benson is chairman of Boots, the retail chemist, of MEPC, one of

Britain's biggest property companies, and of the Housing Corporation:

"My instant reaction is, fairly predictable and generally helpful. There are certain things here naturally that one is very pleased about. For example, an increase in export credit guarantees is good news.

"As chairman of Boots, which includes the Halfords chain, I would welcome the abolition of car tax. The decision to go ahead with the Jubilee Line is very welcome for the construction industry and for confidence in the country generally, but what a pity they didn't say it before.

"As chairman of the Housing Corporation, I welcome the money allocated to buy repossessed homes - this is something we will have to get moving on. No one is ever going to be satisfied and say it is enough. I think certainly I would have liked to see more, particularly for the construction industry. I would like to see more money going into housing stock."



City under siege: Bob Tinker, chair-man of Tedbar Tinker, a power tooland machinery distributor in Sheffield, welcomed yesterday's cut in interest rates and the increase in capital allowances. He said, though, that the measures were too late to save hundreds of industrial firms in the city.

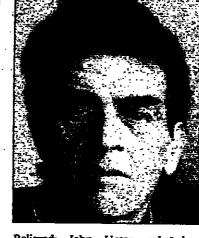
With other small businesses in the North and Midlands, Tedbar Tinker has suffered the brunt of the recession. Sales have plummeted and the company has been hit by a succession of bad debts as long-standing customers have gone into receivership. Tedbar, a 50-year-old family-run business, has seen its workforce shrink from 25 to

Mr Tinker welcomed the Chancellor's decision to increase capital allowances. "A lot of our customers have been hanging on for this, and it may well release their spending. But it's not going to happen next week," he said. There had been no recovery since interest rates began to fall. "We have seen our customers go down like a pack of cards in the last two years. We have been watching Sheffield fall apart."



Clearing debts: Robert Chave, his wife Janice and their three children will be "marginally" better off as a result of the 1 per cent cut in interest rates, but have no plans to rush out and spend their extra £13 a week, preferring to clear debts. The couple, from Tomes, Devon, have a combined income of slightly over £25,000 but an "horrific" £70,000 mortgage, which they repay at £650 a month. Mr Chave, 40, a chief accountant with a clay extraction company, said: "There's very little for us to get excited about. There were only a few tweaks in the package and not the major changes in government strategy that were heralded."

He added: "I can't see that it is going to make any difference at all in my money for spending because anyone in my position is going to stop the overdraft increasing and keep it under control." The government should have increased benefits above the rate of inflation to help people such as pensioners, he felt. "Families like mine have benefited on the whole from the policies of the last 13 years, and we are benefiting more."



Relieved: John Upton, who has claimed invalidity benefit since 1989 because of arthritis of the spine, was "still hard up" after the Chancellor's speech yesterday but glad his cash had not been cut.

Mr Upton, 58, of Harlow, Essex, has been unable to work since 1980 because his health deteriorated gradually after an industrial accident in 1962. He had been "very worried" during the last few weeks because of rumours of a tax on invalidity benefits or a change in the age eligibility thresholds. In fact, his invalidity payments and disability living allowance will be index linked.

He and his wife Anna, 56, who looks after him, live on £146.94 a week which includes Mr Upton's industrial pension and reduced earnings. He also receives a monthly allowance of £121, which goes towards health needs.

The Uptons both pay a full poll tax of £121.

£25.10 a month as well as endowments and monthly mortgage payments of £167 on their three-bedroom council house. "It's really not enough to live on. but it could have been worse," he said.



WINNERS AND LOSERS IN THE PUBLIC **SPENDING BARGAINING FOR 1993-94**

The percentage change in departmental share of total government spending as

compared with 1991 Autumn Statement

John Gummer

Department of

Agriculture

27.7% to £2.82bn

Department of Trade and industry reased share by 92.7% to £2.59bn

Gillian Shephard

Department of

Employment increased share by

5.5% to £3.74bn

Peter Brooke Department of National Heritage Share fell by 4.7% to 0.99bn

1700

John MacGregor Department of Transport Share fell by 3.3% to £6.43bn

-3.3%

Maicolm Rifkind Ministry of Defence Share fell by 1.6% to £23.52bn a. 40 - 5- 3 Micheal Howard Department of Share fell by

£38.82bn

Last year's firm favourite falls early but outsiders beat Treasury odds

By Nicholas Wood OLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

Increased share by

1.15% to £29.88bn

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YEAR ago Malcolm Rifkind proved a runaway winner in Whitehall's annua public spending hurdle. Riding under transport department colours, he strolled away from the field with a 25 per cent increase in his budget. But this year, Mr Rifkind, now contracted to a less fashionable stable in the defence

department, came in last.

The Chancellor's statement revealed that his budget is being cut by 10.5 per cent in real terms over the next three years. In cash terms, this amounts to a cut of £1,050 billion against previous plans for the period 1993-95 and it means that spending in 1995/96 will be lower than in the current year.

The defence secretary was quick with his excuses. Options for Change, the economy programme set out under the previous management in 1990 with the ending of the Cold war, was advanced as the main reason for the scaling

WINNERS AND LOSERS

put more of their pet equipment projects to the

Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, an unlikely contestant in these most political of stakes, was an equally unlikely loser. His budget is increased by £380 million but ministers have lost nationce with the open-ended commitment to legal aid and new curbs are being put in place. Lord Mackay will have to find savings of £200 million over the next three years.

Michael Howard, the environment secretary, had a mixed outing. His local government settlement was cut. back by £520 million, suggest-ing that council tax bills next April will rise more steeply than many Tory MPs have hoped. The loss in the following year is even harsher at £750 million. The housing budget is being trimmed back

by £40 million. However, Mr Howard, a late and apparently reluctant

more of their capital receipts from council house sales, was able to claim that he had not been entirely eclipsed. Town halls, which have been vilified by the Conservatives for the past decade for their allegedly spendthrift ways, are to be put in charge of spending £1.75 billion on capital projects such as the renovation of rundown properties, new schools and other construction work. Mr Howard will give details today of a policy shift apparently pushed through by Sir George Young, one of his junior

The environment secretary also won an extra £750 million to be spent this winter to buy up empty properties. The aim is to tackle homelessness and shore up the property market.

A crude division of the cabinet into winners and losers is complicated by the fact of the public sector pay squeeze. limiting increases to a maximum of 1.5 per cent. Every

spending minister with a sub-

clampdown in the sense that they will be spending less money on pay than originally envisaged.

The more important point is what happens to the money. While Mr Howard and Mr Rifkind have had to band some back to the Treasury, other ministers have been able to pocket the savings and spend them on expanding services. The problem for them all is that their captive workforce - nurses, teachers, doctors, dentists, servicemen and local authority workers may not be willing to play ball. particularly since the squeeze threatens to extend all the way

to the next election. Virginia Bottomley, John Patten and Peter Lilley are the three ministers to make the winner's enclosure. Mrs Bottomley, the health secretary, in her first outing over the Treasury sticks, has won an extra £120 million over previous plans for next year. Allowing for the pay squeeze, convert to Labour's policy of stantial client group of public she has delivered a real in- when the results of their pay allowing councils to spend sector workers loses from the crease of 3 per cent. Health squeeze gamble are declared.

spending in England goes up by £1.6 billion next year.

Mr Patten has secured an extra £300 million for education. In real terms his budget is 3 per cent higher than this

But perhaps the most surprising victor is Mr Lilley, the Thatcherite social security secretary. In spite of all the speculation about horrors such as real cuts in payments or the taxation of such favourites as child benefit, Mr Lilley was able to walk away from the wreckage. His sole contribution to the economy drive was yet another promise to crack down on fraud.

Michael Heseltine, the president of the board of trade, who had earlier renounced all hopes of glory by promising to reduce his baseline, showed briefly near the finishing line with another \$700 million to help exporters shoulder the threat of bad debts abroad. In the Alice in Wonderland

world of the spending round.

almost every minister claimed a prize yesterday. The outcome will be clearer this winter public pay limit. The proposals assume that

Town halls receive little relief

By Sheila Gunn POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LOCAL authorities will receive a 3.1 per cent increase in their budgets from central government next year, which will give them little scope for easing in the council tax.

Michael Howard, the environment secretary, is expected to announce later this month that he has secured about £400 million in transitional

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relief for the new tax. Originally he is thought to have asked for around £2 billion. Estimates of £400 million

are likely to mean tax bills of around £550 for the average household next April. Norman Lamont, the Chan-

cellor, warned local authorities against diverting money that could be used to keep down council tax bills into higher pay awards, in breach of the government's 12 per cent

local authorities implement in full our policy of pay restraint. Provided they do this, the savings made will enable them to ensure proper provision of services without exerting upward pressure on the council tax," he said.

Record funding protects roads but undermines BR

By MICHAEL DYNES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

INVESTMENT in transport will be kept at record levels. with British Rail and the national roads programme receiving higher levels of funding than at any time during the past two decades. John MacGregor, the transport secretary, announced vesterday.

An extra £230 million will be made available to BR for investment over the next two years in eash terms. while spending on roads will remain at £4.2 billion over the same period, despite severe constraints on the level of public spending, Mr MacGregor said.

In addition, the govern ment's contribution of £1.5 billion to the proposed £1.8 billion Jubilee Line extension between Green Park and Stratford has been provided for in the expectation that the scheme will get the go-ahead.

The government will press ahead with a publication in the new year of a green paper on the possible introduction of electronic pricing on inter-urban roads, and the creation of a new rolling stock leasing market in preparation for BR's privatisation.

Mr MacGregor said that the settlement would enable work to start on all of next year's 40 planned mad schemes, while at the same time allowing BR to press ahead with investment for Channel tunnel services and vital track work.

A more detailed examination of this year's transport settlement discloses, however, that the extra funds will fall far short of what BR needs to maintain, modernise and expand the rail network. BR will receive £1,490 billion from the government in loans and grants for 1993-4. £130 million more than forecast last year, while an extra £100 million will be made available for 1994-5. But these increases, which make no allowance for infiation, will have a negligible impact on the backlog of BR investment schemes.

Similarly, London Transport will receive £1,010 billion during 1993-4, considerably less than the £1.390 billion forecast last year. Sir Bob Reid, BR chairman, welcomed leasing

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deals as "a breakthrough on investment" and accepted control of public expenditure as critical in the present economic condition. But he warned that the spending limits "will present BR with problems maintaining quality of services".

man of London Transport. reacted angrily to the 30 per cent cutback in funding. "London has been singled out for cuts in stark contrast to other transport sectors and last year's government commitment," he said. "We now face the real prospect of deteriorating services and the loss of some 7,000 jobs in supply industries. We are facing savage cuts: 30 per cent next year. 31 per cent the year after, and 26 per cent in 1995-6."

Howard calls off move to Docklands

THE environment department is to stay in its Westminster headquarters for the time being and not move to Canary Wharf in London's Docklands.

In June. Michael Howard, the environment secretary, announced to the Commons that 2.000 staff would move to the troubled development. The move was seen as an attempt by the government to help Olympia & York, the developers of the scheme. Last night, in a Commons written reply. Mr Howard said that given the present constraints on public spending the move could

not be justified. He said that a study of new locations for his department in London other than Canary Wharf led them to conclude that taking account of falling rents and the considerable and continuing staff-related costs involved in a move to Docklands, such a move did not now represent best value for money for the

department. A study of the existing premises. 2 Marsham Street, near the Houses of Parliament, had shown that it was both safe and affordable to remain there for a period, although the building would in due course have to be pulled down.

The government therefore decided that the Department of the Environment should remain in Marsham Street for about three years, and use the intervening period to find the most suitable accommodation at the best value."

Public sector curbed

Continued from page 1 of an example for the private sector, which he said tended to lead public sector pay, rather than the other way round. The Confederation of British Industry, which first urged pay restraint on the govern-ment, announced this week that private sector pay settlements are now nunning at 4.2 per cent.

Ministers have judged that the 1.5 per cent ceiling is likely to be enough to prevent any widespread industrial action in response, at a time when unions are weak and unemployment

the total public sector pay bill of £80 billion. The new limit came into effect immediately yesterday. All pay offers made from now will be governed by it, though any bargaining groups with still-outstanding pay offers will have them honoured.

Trade union reaction was unanimous, with union leaders attacking what they said was public sector workers being made to pay the price for the government's economic incompetence. Norman Willis, TUC general secretary. said that the limit "will store up grave problems for the future." All public sector unions have been called to an emergency meeting at the TUC next week.

The CBI welcomed the move on pay. Howard Davies, its director-general, who pressed the need for pay restraint when invited to speak at the TUC's annual conference two months ago, said: "The tight control on public sector pay is particularly

Extra £750m promised to buy empty properties and encourage ownership

By Rachel Kelly, property correspondent

THE government is to spend and about another £20 million an extra £750 million to buy 20,000 empty properties over the next four months. Of this, £580 million will be spent in England, where total spending will increase from the £7.7 billion originally planned to £8.3 billion now forecast.

The £580 million will be spent by housing associations funded by the Housing Corporation to buy 16.000 empty and repossessed homes. Another £30 million is to be spent on cash incentives to local authority tenants to buy homes in the private sector.

MORTGAGE rates are on the

way down for the fifth time

this year following the an-

nouncement of a 1 percentage point cut in bank base rates.

Abbey National was the first

to cut its base mortgage rate by 0.75 per cent to 8.5 per cent immediately for new borrowers and on December

The reduction means the cost of a £60,000 endowment

mortgage will be reduced by

E33 a month to E372. Other

lenders are likely to fall into

line. Abbey loans of more

than £60,000 are down to 8.3

per cent and those over

£100,000 are down to 8.1 per

National & Provincial cut

its mortgage rate to 8.5 per

cent for new borrowers and

has not announced a date

when it will fall for existing

borrowers. It is also offering a fixed-rate mortgage at 6.25 per cent until 1994 for first-

time buyers.

Jim Birrell, chief executive

of the Halifax, the largest mortgage lender, said: "The 7

23 for existing ones.

for housing association ten-

ants to do the same. The government is relaxing the rules to allow local authorities to spend the capital receipts they raise from the sale of council houses and other surplus assets over the next 14 months. The Chancellor estimates that councils will thereby have an extra £1.75 billion to spend, some of which councils could decide to spend on housing.

Michael Howard, the envi-

Abbey cuts mortgage cost as

base rate falls for fifth time

By Lindsay Cook, money editor

per cent base rate is very good

news for the housing market.

It is what we have been

calling for. We shall certainly

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authorities to decide how best to use the money. However, I will be announcing the details of a new scheme shortly which will encourage councils to invest in areas of lasting benefit to local communities and industry."

Jack Straw, the shadow environment minister, questioned whether councils would be able to raise as much as £1.75 billion. "Mr Howard has made the almost certainly improbable assumption that ronment secretary, said yester-day: "It will be up to local from their present low. If they right-to-buy sales will pick up

welcome the base rate cut. It

wili obviously mean a rate cut.

We would expect it to be in

the realms of 0.75 percentage

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for a reduction for existing

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The Leeds said it would

ise. Tenants gripped by the fear of the dole do not

materialise." Lenders hope that some of the money could be spent on mortgage rescue schemes to help those facing repossession. Separate increases in hous-

ing budgets for Scotland and Wales were announced, which will increase the total to be spent buying repossessed and empty properties across the country to £750 million. Mr Lamont estimates that 20.000 homes will be bought, adding to the 153,000 homes the government has promised to build over the next three years.

The £632 million to be spent on social housing in England is a 8.1 per cent nominal increase, or 4.4 per cent in real terms. The news was wel-comed by lenders. Adrian Coles, of the Council of Mortgage Lenders, said: "This is a ery significant sum of money. I estimate that 20,000 homes over four months will account for 6 per cent of the sales during that period."

The government's action would help the slump in the owner-occupied housing market, and could mean that prices start to rise, or at the very least price drops could start to slow, Mr Coles said.



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Private sector the engine of growth, Lamont tells MPs

This year's Autumn Statement was drawn up against a background of continuing recession at home and renewed weakness abroad. Norman Lamont, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, told MPs

"Despite exceptionally low interest rates, confidence in the United States remains depressed. Industrial production has fallen sharply in Japan," he said. "The countries of continental Europe face the prospect of continuing high interest rates and a marked slowdown in

"It is not surprising, therefore, that here in Britain, the recovery that nearly all forecasters expected at the time of the Budget has still not become established.

There has been an encouraging increase in retail sales. But the housing market re-mains depressed and confidence has taken a severe blow from the turmoil in the foreign exchange markets that led to sterling's suspension from the ERM."

Economic strategy

"Against this difficult background, a strategy that brings renewed confidence and a return to growth is more essential than ever," Mr Lamont said. "But the government has no intention of engineering a short-lived boom that would lead swiftly to higher inflation and higher interest rates.

"Our objective is sustainable, long-term growth. And our strategy to achieve that is based on three principles.

"First, with the pound floating, a completely new framework is required for monetary policy. Interest rates are now set according to British monetary conditions — to meet the target I have established for inflation. Underlying inflation will be kept within the range of 1-4 per cent, and our aim is to get it down to the lower half of that range by the end of this parliament. Low inflation is the key to sustainable growth and a lasting reduction in

In the past few months of

The Chancellor is sticking to his guns on inflation in the government's attempt to pull Britain out of recession

Britain's membership of the ERM, Mr Lamont said, monetary policy was tighter than needed to achieve the government's inflation objective. Monetary policy had to be neither too lax nor too tight. Outside of the ERM he had been able to cut two points off interest rates, which would boost the economy without re-igniting inflation. He expected inflation to be below 4 per cent by the end of next year and GDP to rise by a percentage

His second principle was an appropriate balance between fiscal and monetary policy. The government therefore put in place last July a clear medium-term strategy for the control of public spending, designed to ensure that public expenditure declines as a share of GDP

over time," he 'It is not "The new surprising the system is based recovery that on a top-down approach. nearly all the Clear and afforecasters fordable limits expected at the are set for the Budget has still public expennot become diture and the established' government can then settle

its priorities through a process of collective discussion — involving first a new cabinet committee, and then the full cabinet itself."

The third principle was that the best way to increase the long-run growth rate was to make markets work better. 'So we will be pressing ahead with our policies on privatisation, deregulation, cutting out waste and keeping the tax burden on companies and individuals as low as we can.

We must also fight for the interests of British business in world markets and provide them with the best environment in which they can compete and succeed. And in the short-term, that means securing a successful outcome to the GATT round.

"Low inflation, tight control of public spending, open markets, competition, and a vigorous supply side policy -- these are the principles of the government's strategy and they provide the right framework for economic growth.

"I do not believe that governments can spend their way out of recession. It is individuals and companies in the private sector that are the engine

of economic growth." That did not mean that the government's task was complete. It was investing for the future and looking at specific policies to ease the path to recovery. Taking account of new measures to rebuild confidence and strengthen the economy, he expected the PSBR this year to rise to about

"Of course that is high," Mr Lamont said. 'But borrowing is bound to rise in a recession, and it would be damaging to seek to prevent it from doing so. As the econois absolutely vital that bor-

rowing is brought back towards balance. We have made an excellent start today with a tight overall settlement for public

National insurance

Mr Lamont told MPs that much of the recent increase in the PSBR reflected the rapid growth in expenditure on social security benefits, and that had damaged the financial position of the National Insurance Fund. Because of the weakness of the economy it had not been appropriate to raise NI contributions to reduce the shortfall.

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usual indexing of earnings limits and employer contribution thresholds, contribution rates would remain unwould make up the shortfall.

Public spending

Mr Lamont said that it was vital to put the needs of the econ-omy first. The government had sought wherever possible to protect programmes, particularly capital programmes, that would promote recovery.

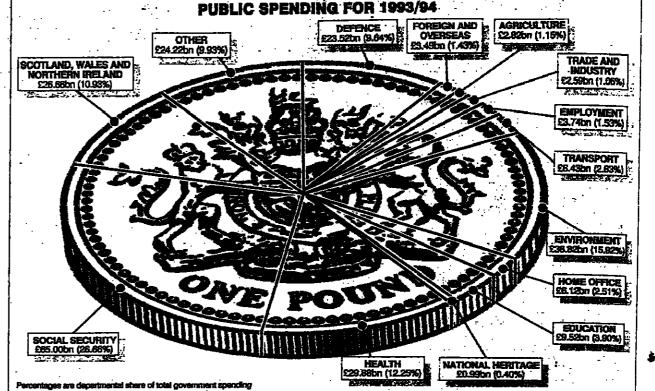
Debt interest payments were rising rapidly, diverting billions every year from spending on services. Tha cabinet had decided in July to set a remit for the public spending round that would firmly control expenditure.

"That remit had two elements," he said. "For next year, we set ourselves the objective of sticking to existing cash plans. And, for the three survey years as a whole, our aim was to hold the growth of the New Control Total down to 12 per cent or less, to keep the overall growth in public spending to a rate below that of the economy as a whole.

"Although our target for next year of £244.5 billion allowed a real increase of 45 per cent, the pressures for more spending have been intense. And we have had to consider carefully whether the original targets were achievable.

"But I can now announce to the House that we have indeed hit our target. The planning total for next year will be £244.5 billion. As a result of certain definitional changes I should warn the House that the number which actually appears in the printed document will be slightly different. It will, in fact, be £2 billion

"I can also announce that the new totals for 1994-5 and 1995-6 are fully consistent with the remit agreed in July. Although there would be the Despite the pressures that



have emerged since the summer, the real growth in the New Control Total over the next three years will average just under 1 2 per cent a year. half the rate of growth over the last three years.

To meet our objectives we have had to look very carefully at every single programme and particularly at current spending. The biggest single budget is of course social security. Indexing the social security benefits in the coming year would cost £24 billion. And if we are to protect capital spending it is to areas of current spending such as social

security that we must look first. "But, I can now tell the House that despite the many claims on the available resources the government has been able to meet in full its commitment to index pensions and other benefits.

The other major claim on public spending was public sector pay, Mr Lamont said. Public sector pay had risen on average by 20 per cent over two years compared with 13 per cent in the private sector. All employers had to tightly control their paybills if recent ins in competitiveness from the exchange rate fall were not

Public sector pay settlements in the coming year would be restricted to a maximum 12 per cent. Growth in lybills in each area must be kept as low as possible.

"The restriction will apply to the whole of the public sector and related bodies without exception, regardless of whether pay is negotiated, recommended by the Review Bodies or subject to formula calculations. It will apply to all offers made from today, though for-mal offers already made will be honoured. The government will in due

course bring forward a resolution on MPs' pay, consistent with this policy. Ministers will receive no increase at all."

Other programmes

The decisions made on public sector pay would lead to sav-ings of 1.5 billion a year, permiting higher levels of ser-vice and higher capital programmes, Mr Lamont said. Even so, hard choices had had

to be made. Over the next few years, defence expenditure would continue to fall. Further savings consistent with the policies underlying the Options for Change review would be

The legal aid budget had been putting immense pres-sure on public finances. The Lord Chancellor would announce changes to restrict its growth.

Applying similar discipline to local government finances, central government support for local authority revenue expenditure in England would rise by 3.7 per cent next year, and total standard spending by 3.1 per cent. There would be a special grant of £539 million in England to help local authorities to meet new responsibilities for community

This scittlement should be fully adequate to meet local authorities' requirements," Mr Lamont said. "The proposals assume that local authorities implement in full our policy of pay restraint. Provided that they do this, the savings made will enable them to ensure proper provision of services without exerting upward pressure on the council tax.

The government will not hesitate to use its capping powers as necessary."

.Mr Lamont said that at the time of the election, the government had made clear that education and health would be among its priorities for the long term. The education programme was therefore planned to rise to a level £12

billion higher in 1995-6 than in this year. The proportion of children

staying at school after age 16 was expected to continue rising. And the government would finance a sharp increase in students attending further education.

"All this is an important investment in our young people which will improve the quality of the country's human capital and benefit the economy in the longer term," he said.

There will also be increases in the level of real resources provided to the National Health Service in each of the next three years. Spending in the NHS will rise by nearly 3 per cent in real terms next year compared with this year's plans. That means an increase of over £1.9 billion."

Capital

"Restraint on current expenditure has made it feasible to provide more protection to

ment has only been prepared. to give the go-ahead to private projects after comparing them with a similar project in the public sector. This has applied whether or not there was any prospect of the project ever being carried out in the public sector. I have decided to scrap this rule. In future, any pri vately financed project which can be operated profitably will be allowed to proceed.

This should be widely welcomed, particularly by the construction industry.

"Secondly, the government has too often in the past treated proposed projects as either wholly private or wholly public. In future, the government will actively encourage joint ventures with the private sector, where these involve a sensible transfer of risk to the private sector .

Thirdly, we will allow greater use of leasing where it offers good value for money. As long as it can be shown that the risk stays with the private sector.

appear to hold no grudges

against the chief secretary to

the Treasury, who has been

marking their programmes with his red pen. The intro-duction of a cabinet public

spending committee, known

as EDX, took some of the

public organisations will be

able to enter into operating

lease agreements, with only

the leasing payments counting as expenditure and without their capital budgets being

In addition, British Rail will

be allowed to lease some £150

million of new rolling stock in

the next three years."

He added: "In addition, the

Secretary of State for Trans-

port will publish a Green

Paper early next year on the

scope for motorway charging. If, in the light of consultation,

the government decided to

proceed with charges for inter-

urban roads, this would create

significant new opportunities

for private finance. And as a

possible transitional step, pri-vate contractors might be in-

vited to design, build and

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use of their roads.

limelight off Mr Portillo.

home-buyers now have some of the lowest mortgage rates since 1978. And the government has responded in a number of other ways, most recently with measures to help those with negative equity who wish to move. Today, I propose to go further,

The overhang of empty properties in the owner-occupied sector is holding back acivity in the housing market. I therefore propose to make available an extra £750 million to be used before the end of this financial year to buy up some of these properties. I hope that the Housing Corporation will be able to achieve a substantial contribution on top of this from private sector iders. Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland will introduce parallel measures.

This measure should reduce the overhang of empty properties by over 20,000 over the next few months, so providing a helpful stimulus to activity. It will also increase the available stock of subsidised housing by a similar amount and make a real contribution towards housing families in

Capital allowances

"For a limited period of twelve months, I propose to raise from 25 to 40 per cent the allowances available in the first year for investment in plant and machinery, excluding cars. I also propose to introduce an initial allowance of 20 per cent for expenditure on new industrial and agricultural buildings for which contracts are placed before 31 October 1993 and which are brought into use before the end of 1994. I propose to legislate for these changes, with retrospective effect to 1 November, in the next Finance

Car tax

Mr Lamont said that he would continue with tax reform begun in the last Budget and abolish car tax from midnight. "This will mean a saving of about £400 on a typical family car. This measure will require a simple Bill, which I shall bring forward shortly. It will provide a direct boost to the motor industry and will, of course, benefit business more widely. I am sure it will be warmly welcomed."

In conclusion Mr Lamont told the House: "The measures ! have announced today should provide an immediate boost to confidence and welcome relief for some of the most hardpressed sectors of the есопоту.

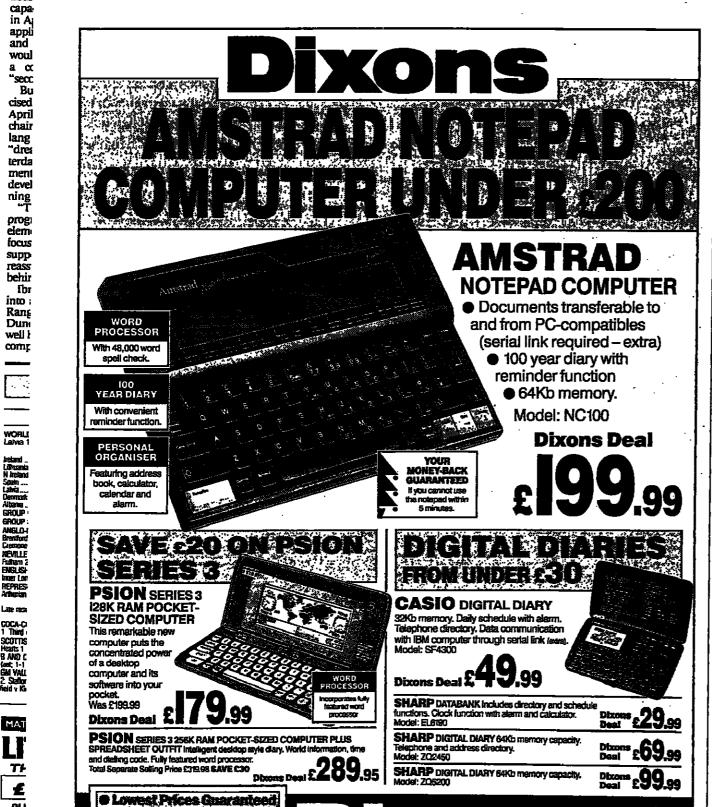
Taken together they will add some £4 billion to borrowing over the next three years. but with no increase in the PSBR over the medium-term. "And these measures come on top of the government's new spending plans for the next three years and the proposals ! have announced to liberalise

the rules on private finance." He added: "Alongside the tight public expenditure plans I have announced I believe it is appropriate now to make a further reduction in interest

The governor and I have agreed that the Bank will tomorrow set the Minimum Lending Rate at 7 per cent That reduction is, in my judgement, fully consistent with the Government's inflationary objectives.

"Today's reduction takes British interest rates down to their lowest level for nearly 15

"It means that our interes rates have been cut by fully 8 per cent over the last iwo years it takes a further El billion off industry's costs on top of the £9 billion fall in interest payments we have already seed. and it will provide further belo



Keeping account: Michael Portillo in Downing Street yesterday. As Norman Lamont read out the Autumn Statement, its principal ar-chitect, Michael Portillo, sat silently behind him. In spite of talk of the toughest public spending round, ministers

capital." Mr Lamont said. "And we have done so across a whole range of programmes. "Next year there will be a significant increase in the volume of road building. We have maintained the national

when construction prices have "Our new plans will ensure that in real terms, compared with 1979, we will have a doubling next year of the combined capital spending of British Rail and London Transport. "Next year health capital

roads programme at a time

spending in England alone will be at the record level of nearly £2.1 billion. And the new plans should more than deliver our election commitment to provide through the Housing Corporation 153,000 homes over three One major project for which

we have expressly reserved provision is the Jubilee Line Extension. Subject to satisfactory completion of negotiations, the line will be able to go ahead. This will create many thousands of jobs and give an important boost to the construction industry."

Private

finance "In the past, the govern-

Housing "Housing and construction have faced particular difficulties in the last two years. But

Labour condemns lack of help for the unemployed

By Arthur Leathley and John Winder

GORDON Brown, the shadow chancellor, condemned the Autumn Statement for failing to help the unemployed or to generate significant economic

Unemployment would con- . tinue to rise, he said, Britain's balance of payments deficit would continue to worsen and hospital waiting lists would. grow. Nor was was there anything to curb the number of business bankruptcies. Public sector pay had been frozen and the low-paid were being made the "scapegoats for your economic failures", he told Mr

Lamont Omissions from the statement were more significant than what it contained, he aid. In particular, investment had been cut in the trade and industry, and employment departments. Britain was still bottom of the European league table for investment. Between 1987 and 1995 there would be a £2 billion reduction spending on employment.

By failing to take direct action against unemployment, "the confidence necessary to get the economy moving will not return. Having been driven by events to signal a change of policy against your will, you have not only failed to admit the scale of the mistakes made, but failed to measure up to the extent of the problem the country faces now.

The government had taken up the very Labour policies it had derided until only a few weeks ago, Mr Brown said. He attacked Tory MPs for

cheering the statement, just as they had done last year before one forecast after another proved to be wrong. Investment, manufacturing output. exports and unemployment predictions had all been inaccurate.

Virtually all economic forecasts made by the Chancellor in the past year had been wrong, he said. He asked Mr Lamont "Can you give us one good reason why we should

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believe anything you have said this afternoon?

damage efficiency and hit the weakest the hardest. Having

abandoned the unemployed

and the low-paid by the aboli-

tion of wages councils, hit the sick and disabled by under-

funding the health service,

and made nurses and home

helps pay the price of failed

government policy, there was

now no one left for the

To Labour cheers. Mr Brown concluded: "The coun-

try will never trust these men

again: never trust these minis-

ters and never trust that party.

The real fresh start that this

country needs is a fresh pro-

gramme of measures under

Replying, Mr Lamont said

Mr Brown's response had been "a pretty feeble showing"

even though he appreciated

that it was difficult to respond

so quickly.

He could not understand

the reaction to a statement which included a reduction of

per cent in interest rates, a

boost to private sector invest-

ment by increased capital

allowances and a boost to the construction and motor

The only possible explana-tion for Mr Brown's view was

that he believed increased

employment came from gov-

ernment spending, which was wrong because it came from

Mr Brown's points about

individual programmes were also wrong. There were, for

example, to be cash increases

in overseas aid, not cuts. The

health programmes showed

spending rising each year so that there could be more

The health service employed

much labour and putting a ceiling on pay meant that more could be spent on ser-

vices to patients. There would

be a real increase in employ-

ment department spending

and training, while budgets

for enterprise councils would

remain virtually intact.

treatment of patients.

the private sector.

industries.

government to betray.

Mr Lamont's announcements on export credit, investment incentives and the release of local authorities' capital receipts showed that he had been dragged by public opinion into accepting some of the measures that Labour had proposed many months ago.

Mr Brown said the problem was that the Chancellor had been pushed part of the way by pressure, but lacked the conviction to follow the recovery programme that was now

With nearly a million people



Brown: virtually all

on health service waiting lists, people would be interested to know why NHS spending would not keep up with the needs of demography and technology.

Local authority spending would be down by £500 million a year and the government was assuming that council rents would rise by 9 per cent a year.

"How does he justify breaking yet more election promises that public spending programmes would be met?" said Mr Brown.

Mr Lamont's proposals would maintain the recession,

product, it was far too high. "I

am sure it is in the interests of

everyone that it is brough

down," he said and he added:

"We have to address the

problem of the PSBR and I

will do that." He also said that

the present account balance of

payments deficit next year was

pression to the country that he

could reflate the economy by

reflating housing. Nicholas Budgen, Tory MP

for Wolverhampton SE, also a

frequent critic of the govern-

ment in recent months, said

everyone should be profound-

ly grateful for Black Wednes-

day and the best thing the

Chancellor could do to in-

crease confidence was to say

that Britain would "never,

Mr Lamont replied that

there were now options as to

how far and at what speed

they could defeat inflation. But

he added that they could not

avoid the battle against infla-

tion, as Mr Budgen some-

For the Liberal Democrats,

Alan Beith said that instead of a having a pay freeze for ministers, it would make more

sense for them to have perfor-

mance-related pay so that if

the package did not work they

times seemed to think.

ever return to the ERM".

Lilley announces surprise uprating

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PETER Lilley, the social security secretary, pulled off a public relations coup yesterday by announcing benefit upratings in line with inflation and further action against fraud. Despite speculation that Mr Lilley would have to bear

much of the extra costs of unemployment next year, estimated at £3 billion, the social security budget has been increased by nearly £10 billion to £79.8 billion. This is £4 billion more than planned. most of which will go on higher than expected un-employment. All main ben-efits will rise by 3.6 per cent from April, and extra help will given to carers, guardians and some war pensioners.

To assure right-wing Tory backbenchers that he was playing his part in containing public expenditure, Mr Lilley said he would save £1 billion next year by spending £10 million on combating benefit Local authorities would be given a greater financial incentive to chase up housing benefit and council tax fraud, said Mr Lilley. Those who defraud the system have nothing in common

with the vast majority of honest and genuine claimants. And every pound lost through fraud means less for those in real need." Mr Lilley also laid regulations to withdraw income support from all those, including travellers, who were not actively seeking work.

Compulsory medical checks to restrict the number

of people claiming invalidity benefit will also be introduced as part of the current review of the benefit which will cost the state £7 billion in 1995/96. The new restrictions are expected to save £240 million over the next three years.

Savings would be made by

BENEFITS

bearing down on operating costs, by acting against fraud. and by curbing programmes which "might otherwise preempt the resources needed to sustain recovery in the longer term", said Mr Lilley. "As a result we have been able to protect benefits for those hit by the chill wind of world recession, to channel increased support to the most needy and to keep the pledges we made in April." Mr Lilley said in his Commons statement

Mr Lilley said the uprating

would cost \$2.5 billion and

the real increases in disposable income of those on income-related benefit would be worth a further £1 billion. Poverty organisations prepared for rises in some benefits of less than the rate of inflation were so relieved about the full uprating that they failed to focus on small cuts in some war pensions, housing benefit and statutory sick pay. Mr Lilley expects to save 520 million by freezing the higher rate of statutory sick pay and £19 million from raising the amount deducted in housing benefits for adult children living at home. Some savings will also be made on abolish ing war pensions for those with minor hearing loss. However this will be offset by £5 increases in benefits to 200,000 war pensioners. The Child Poverty Action

Group said the government's policy for growth had done little to give spending power to poor families. "After the scaremongering of recent weeks, we are relieved that some of the most damaging social security cuts have been fought off," said Fran Bennett, director of the group. "But the government's main

Friendly face: Peter Lilley increased main benefits in line with inflation

policy will remain flawed while those who lost out in the 1980s continue to pay for the economic crisis of the 1990s." The main upratings are: ☐ Basic retirement pension for single people to rise by

for a couple by £3.10 a week to £89.90. Unemployment benefit to increase by \$1.55 for a single person. and £2.50 for a

£1.95 a week to £56.10, and

couple, to £44.65 and £72.20 respectively.

Child benefit to go up to £10 for the first child, and £8.10 for each subsequent child. ☐ Family credit to rise from

£41.00 to £42.50. ☐ Guardian's allowance to rise from £10.85 to £10.95. ☐ Income support goes up from £25.55 to £26.45. One parent benefit rises

from £5.85 to £6.05.

I Invalidity benefit rises from £54.15 to £50.10. ☐ No one on income support will be required, as now, to contribute a minimum of 20 per cent in local government taxation - soon to change from community charge to council tax. This will be worth on average, £1.40 a week for a single person under 25 and £2.80 for a couple.

Tories hail Lamont's 'courageous strategy'

By Robert Morgan, parliamentary staff.

billion.

THE Chancellor's statement was welcomed on the Tory back benches, not only by normally loyal supporters of the government, but also by critics. Nicholas Winterton. MP for Macclesfield and a frequent critic, said that he "pleasantly surprised" and that Norman Lamont had restored his credibility.

Labour MPs were less enthusiastic, although their criticisms were in the main confined to the proposals to hold down public sector pay. They pointed out that women would be particularly hard hit.

Mr Lamont, responding to questioning, made it clear that he expected the banks to play their part in getting the economy moving. He said: "I very much hope that the reduction in interest rates today and the 2 per cent that I have reduced interest rates by since September 16 will be passed on by the banks."

He recalled that last year he had cause to discuss with the banks whether small businesses were getting the benefits of interest rate reductions and the banks had assured him that they were.

"I have been concerned to discover that some banks are operating a floor for interest rates beyond which they will not reduce interest rates. I hope they will consider this position very carefully."

The Tory mood was made clear by John Townend, chairman of the Tory Treasury committee, who has been critical of government economic policy in the past. "May I congratulate Mr Lamont on his courage and determination?" he asked. The measures would increase confidence and stimulate investment, encourage exports and help the housing market. There was now a coherent economic policy which the Tory MPs would support, he

Terence Higgins, the highly respected former Treasury minister and MP for Worthing, hailed the "extremely imaginative package". Sir Peter Tapsell, MP for Lindsey East, and another highly respected figure on economic matters, congratulated the Chancellor on his "economic strategy for growth".

Mr Lamont, replying to questions about the public sector borrowing requirement. said that at £37 billion, or 6 per cent of gross domestic | Autumn Statement debate.



Winter aid for enclave

The government is providing £250,000 worth humanitarian aid to Nagorno-Karabakh, the mostly Armenian populated enclave in Azerbaiian, Douglas Hogg, a Foreign Office minister, said in a written reply.

expected to be about £15 The money will be channelled through the A cautionary note was International Commitsounded by George Walden, Tory MP for Buckingham. He tee of the Red Cross. The government is consaid that one of the reasons cerned about the fighting that Britain was in a bigger there, Mr Hogg said, hole than some other counand the humanitarian tries was the debt overhang, needs there this winter which was overwhelmingly will be considerable. housing debt. The Chancellor should avoid giving the im-

Most of the money will be used to provide food, dothing and blankets, but some will be used to help refugees who have fled the area.

Peer elected

Lord (Ivor) Richard was elected the new leader of the Labour peers yesterday to succeed Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos. Lord Richard QC, a former European commissioner, Labour minister and British ambassador to the United Nations, won 62 votes in a ballot among Labour peers to beat Lord (Charles) Williams, the former merchant banker, who had 35 wotes.

In Parliament Commons (9.30): Debate on private member's mo-

tion on small and medi-

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would not get paid at all. PARLIAMENT NEXT WEEK Norman Lamont, the Chan- Friday: Debate on a private



cellor, is to give evidence to the Treasury and civil service committee on Monday.

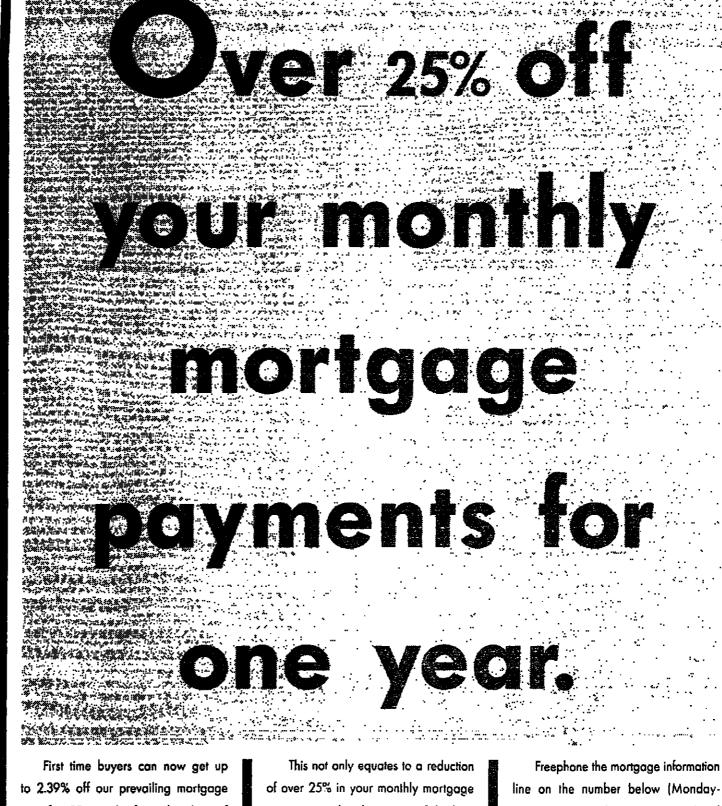
The main business in the House of Commons next week is expected to be: Monday: Debates on Liberal Democrat motions on housing and on Bosnia.

Tuesday: Second reading of the trade union reform and employment rights bill. Wednesday and Thursday:

member's motion. The main business in the House of Lords is expected

Monday: Cardiff Bay barrage bill, second reading. Tuesday: European economic area bill, committee. Wednesday: Debates on the economy of the north-east,

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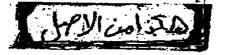
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Blatch aims

to weed out

'bad' books

By JOHN O'LEARY

BARONESS Blatch, the edu-

cation minister, has launched

a campaign to remove unsuit-

able books from schools. She is

seeking parents' support to

banish material containing

bad language and political

The School Examinations

and Assessment Council

(Seac) is expected to announce

a selection of drama, poetry

and prose before the end of the

month, on which low-ability

l 4-year-olds will be tested next

Seac is also working on an anthology of literature, which will form the basis of testing for 14-year-olds from next year onwards. However, the National Curriculum Council is yet to decide whether to recommend its own list.

Lady Blatch told the Commons education select committee vesterday that she had been sent several books which

she found difficult to approve as a parent. "The books I hope will be discarded will be those which parents think inappro-

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Parents want Hillsborough coma victim to die



Barbara and Allan Bland: want dignified death

By KATE ALDERSON

THE parents of Anthony Bland, the Hillsborough victim who has been in a coma for three and a half years, joined doctors in the High Court yesterday to appeal for their son's feeding system to be turned off "so he can die

with dignity". The imprecedented appeal is being opposed by lames Munby QC, appointed by the court to act on Anthonys behalf. He believes that switching off the feeding machine would be a breach of a doctor's duty and could constitute unlawful killing. The three-day test case has

far-reaching significance for the medical staff involved. They fear they could lay themselves open to prosecu-tion for marder or mansimplifier or, in some cases, a civil action for damages if they disconnected a feeding tube without court permission.

Crucial to both sides of the case is proving whether artificial feeding can be regarded as medical treatment. Representatives from Airedale Hosnital near Keighley. West Yorkshire, where the 22-yearold now lives, told Sir Stephen Brown, president of the Family Division, that they believed

■ The Anthony Bland case has farreaching consequences for doctors treating coma patients who will never recover

tube feeding him constituted medical treatment.

Mr Munby said: "A doctor who undertakes the care of a helpless invalid is under a duty to feed him. A doctor who, in breach of that duty, fails to feed his patient and allows him to starve to death may be charged with unlawful killing.

Even assuming that artificial feeding is properly to be regarded as medical treat-ment, and it ought not to be, there is no justification for withdrawing that treatment. The withdrawal of medical treatment from a patient who is not dying, and Anthony Bland is not dying, can be lawful only in extreme circumstances and if the pain, suffering and distress inflicted on the patient by continuing the treatment clearly outweighs any benefit being derived by him from the treatment. Anthony Bland feels no pain and

is not suffering."

Anthony's father, Allan

Bland, joined the doctors in

asking that the electronic

pump, which feeds his son, be turned off. He told the presiding judge Sir Stephen Brown: The family want Tony to die with dignity. He certainly would not want to live like this." He said he and his wife, Barbara, had visited Tony for the three and a half years. "We have tried everything but we have had no responses

Robert Francis QC, counsel for Airedale NHS Trust, said that Anthony had been pronounced to be in a "persistent vegetative state" by numerous medical experts, and he had been described as "cognitively" dead since July 1989. Mr Francis said that in such a case it was not unlawful, if it was in the patient's best interests, to withdraw lifesustaining treatment. It would be the underlying brain injury which would cause Anthony's death as a matter of law.

Summarising the reasons for switching off Anthony's feeding machine, Mr Francis said he had no conscious

existence, was completely de-pendent on others for all functions and had no chance of recovery. "Every case should be treated on an individual level". Dr James Howe, the con-

sultant in charge of Anthony at Airedale Hospital, told the court: "I do not see any prospect of recovery. I suspected this in the first few months." He considered the electronic feeding to be part of medical treatment, saying: "It's not something that any ordinary person could do. Anthony suffers regularly

from infections which are treated by antibiotics and Dr Howe also recommended their withdrawal. He explained the procedure which would lead to Anthony's The first thing is that I

would not prescribe any more antibiotics and I personally would take responsibility for connecting feeding bottles and water. Then, when the family and I are ready, I will not connect any feeding

After this Anthony would live for 10 to 14 days. Many medical experts called as witnesses during the hearing agreed that Anthony would feel no pain.



Anthony Bland: no



Dr Howe: he would disconnect the tube

1,000 jobs lost as Portland is closed

By Peter Victor

PORTLAND naval base in Dorset is to close with a loss of more than 1,000 jobs, the government confirmed yesterday. Unions say the closure will have a devastating effect on the town, taking unemployment to well over 20 per

Archie Hamilton, the armed forces minister, announced the closure in a written reply to Ian Bruce, the Conservative MP for Dorset South, adding that the transfer of the navy's sea training operation to Plymouth and the closure of the base will be completed by April 1996.

The closure will save £70 million over the next ten years and £11 million a year after that. Mr Hamilton said some redundancies might be unavoidable

The fleet maintenance and repair organisation at Portsmouth is also to be reduced, shedding 400 civilian jobs. The workforce will be cut from 2,210 to 1,810, the minister said. Ship refitting will cease. although Portsmouth-based vessels will return there for

maintenance work. Portland was earmarked for closure following a review several years ago but was the cost of relocating its facilities would exceed savings made by closing it. Yesterday's announcement came less than two years after the reprieve.

Mr Hamilton said Port-land's naval air station, where the Duke of York trained, and which employs 1,200 service-men and 200 civilians, will remain open.

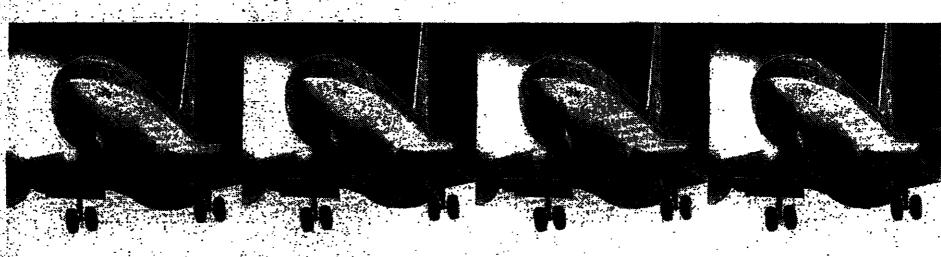
Workers at the base were told the news by its commander, Rear Admiral John Tolhurst Richard Price, union campaign secretary, who represents seven unions at the station, said workers were stunned. "We expected the worst but to hear it in the cool light of day is still shock-

ing," he said.
Paul Kimber, a local councillor, said: "This is absolutely catastrophic for Portland and Weymouth. It is a very sad and depressing day." Weymouth and Portland council called on the government to reconsider the decision to close the base. Murray Ashby, the council's

chief executive, said: "Fortyone per cent of the workforce in the borough depends on defence expenditure. We will be presenting ministers with a ten point plan which is essential if the local community and economy is to recover from this blow."

The naval base dates back to 1847 when a breakwater was built by act of Parliament. On laid the foundation stone and the base was used extensively during both world wars, coming under heavy enemy attack during the second world war.





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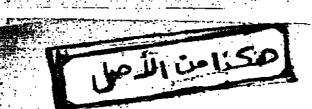
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Closing speech warns against emotion

Carey urges defectors to avoid hasty action

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

AS THE Church of England came to terms with its revolutionary decision to ordain women priests, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, urged all members to avoid hasty or ill-considered

Speaking after several members of the General Synod had already threatened to leave the Church of England because of Wednesday's vote, Dr Carey said: "Anger or dismay are understandable emotions. But they are not helpful ones. No one ought to feel impelled to rush into taking irrevocable decisions." Referring to reports of early defections, he said: "There will

be pressure to rush into making a statement of position and to commit ourselves to particular courses of action, and today's news already gives sad evidence of this."

Dr Carey was delivering his presidential address which wound up the November meeting of the General Synod yesterday. He said some

would feel impelled to rush into a decision and he would not "wish in any way to question their integrity". But, in an anempt to hold the church together, Dr Carey said: "Hasty action, whether in this synod or by people in parishes, is not a helpful way forward."

Dr Carey, a strong support-

er of women priests, avoided anything which could be seen as triumphalism. In his carefully crafted speech, he called for more praying and waiting on God. "We should pray not only to know what God now wants us to do, but pray for each other. Votes unavoidably tend to polarise us into winners or losers. However, this has not been a contest but a process of discernment in which we believe we now see

the way God is leading us." He called for allowances for the strong emotions which were stil visible at the synod yesterday. On Wednesday night, the successful women deacons had been the ones

who wept while opponents, who had not expected the vote to succeed, watched in stunned disbelief. Yesterday many opponents had gone home but those who stayed. largely for an emergency meeting of the traditionalist Catholic group, could be seen talking quietly in corridors, many wiping away tears.

Dr Carey outlined a programme of care where every bishop in all 44 dioceses will be standing by to offer counselling to any who want it. In January, the house of bishops will meet to reflect and offer Traditionalists

claimed that the vote, by a majority of only five in the House of Laity, was too narrow to give a workable consensus. Dr Carey rebutted this. 'Yesterday's vote to pass the legislation in all three houses of the synod may in one house have been narrow, but they indicate the views of a decisive majority in the Church of



Reluctant farewell: Ann Widdecombe is leaving the church after 27 years

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Vote-losers predict mass exodus to Catholic church

Church of England traditionalists are considering how to uphold their faith in the wake of the vote for women priests

BY RUTH GLEDWILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE prospect of mass defect. States. There is apparently tions by Charth of Hagtand: little support for such a parishes and clergy to the Roman Catholic Claurch was Roman Cathoric Chancit was The schemes were proposed raised yesterday by opponents in an atmosphere of confusion

Among the first to say they would go were the Rev Francis of Bown, chairman of Ecclesia, a

Orderd.

Fr Flatman said. Now that consider their parishes to Fr Flatman said. Now that consider their positions. Those the Church of England has who remained were lobbled decided to order wholes to be in the Orderation of Women, whole of Catholic Charles for the Orderation of Women, whole of Catholic Charles with the church of England when said with the church. The Rt Rev David Jenkins, this decision becomes law. Bishop of Durham, dismissed undably by high 1994. I have the threats to leave "I have in the threats to leave "I have "I have in the threats to leave "I have "I hav probably by July 1994. I hope to become a member of the

Roman Catholic Church." Up to 1,000 priests are understood to be considering their position but nearly all are expected to wait until they can claim the generous compensation agreed by the

Fr Peter Geldard, chairman of the General Synod's Catholic group, claimed that transferral by parishes whole-sale into the Catholic Church was one of three options being considered by maditionalists. If this was possible, church buildings would remain Church of England property and the transferred congregation would need new premises for worthin and for their for worship and for their priests to live in. Fr Geldard said some parishes had taken this step in the United States and Australia, financing themselves with tithe giving.

However, Father Peter Verity, a Roman Catholic spokesman, said such a provision did not exist in this country and was unlikely to be introduced in the foreseeable future. Another option outlined by

Fr Geldard was for priests to try to stay within the church. either because their bishop refused to ordain women, or by seeking "alternative episcopal "oversights", effectively transferring their allegiance to a bishop they agree with. The other option, the most unlikeform themselves into "continuing Anglican churches, as has happened in the United

and near panic in the last day

of the syrod at Church House, measure to ordain women and the Rev Martin Philippin priess on Wednesday, dozens vicar of Cowley St Johns of traditionalists quickly re-Oxford. by members of the Movement

the threats to leave. "I hope it will be a matter of huffing and puffing, but little blowing down of houses." The Rt Rev Philip Goodrich, Bishop of Worcester, said that reports of a schism were exaggerated.

Traditionalists were surprised by the support of Ann Widdecombe, a social security minister, whom they had not realised was on their side. Announcing that she was leaving the Church of England after 27 years, Miss Widdecombe predicted that people would abandon the church in droves.

Elizabeth Mills of Women Against the Ordination of Women resigned as one of the synod's panel of chairpersons - a group which chairs synod debate. She said: "I will now be considering my position in the church."

Christine Cavanagh-Mainwaring, a synod member for Litchfield, said: "We have seen the death of the Church of England, I am now unchurched because the church in which I was christened, married and hoped to die in is no longer.

Joanna Monkton, also of Litchfield, said that she would abstain from Communion but remain in the church to fight. "I stra slow out of communion with the Archbishop of Canterbury. The church has moved the goal posts and we are offside. The women who the vote were singing the death knell of the Church of



Goodrich: "Reports of schism exaggerated"



Jenkins: hopes few will resign despite anger

Clergy saved

By RUTH GLEDHILL AND PAUL WILEINSON

A REPORT recommending the withdrawal of recognition train Church of England cler-

In the report, Mirfield was

women and Oak Hill for training women inadequately, leading to suspicion in the church that this was a sign that opponents of women priests would in future face. discrimination. Dr George Carey, the Arch-bishop of Canterbury, said the

House of Bishops would consider carefully the protests aired in the synod about the future provision of theological training. "The house does not have a closed mind on the

at present support."
The Very Rev David Edwards, Provost of Southwark Cathedral, urged rejection of the report. This is an opportunity for us liberals to show

colleges

gy was thrown out by the General Synod yesterday. The Synod refused to "take

note" of A Way Ahead, which said that recognition should be taken from Mirfield, Oak Hill and Salisbury and Wells

criticised for not training

The Right Rev Barry Rogerson Bishop of Bristol, said: "The facts are that the world has changed, that pat-terns of training have changed and we no longer require, nor can afford, all the colleges we

we are liberal." he said.

Die-hards face bleak future

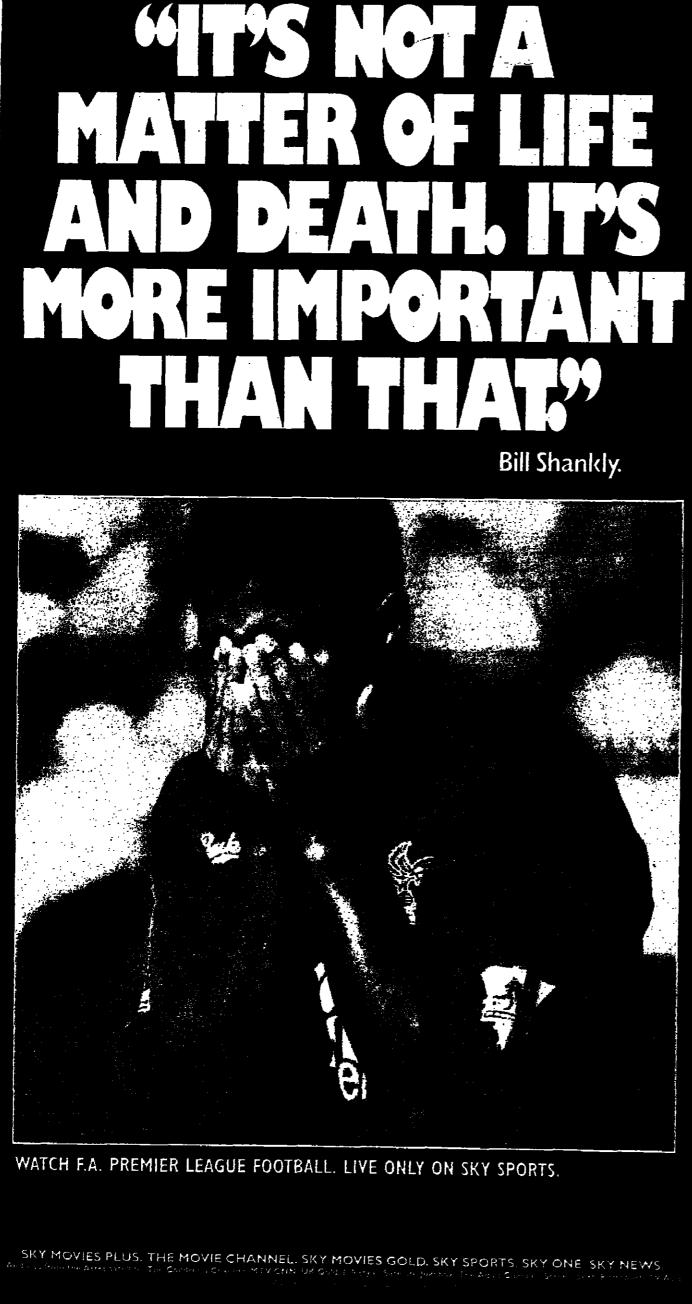
ANGLICAN dergy who wish to join the Roman Catholic priesthood will sacrifice thousands of pounds in salaries and benefits (Ruth Gledhill

writes). Although they will gain from the generous financial provisions on offer - a package worth about £110,000 for each priest the Catholic church offers a life of near penury.

Anglican clergy earn a minimum stipend of £12,200, but their package includes a house and expenses and can be worth more than E17,000. Catholic priests earn about a quarter of the Anglican niinimum stipend, although they also receive

Huge numbers of Church of England dergy are unlikely to be welcomed with open arms and the Catholic hierarchy believes there is more to becoming one of its priests than being an opponent of the ordination of women.

Traditionalists from the Catholic and evangelical wings of the Church of England are unlikely to join the Methodist Church or other Free churches because these already have women ministers. Traditionalists also consider it unlikely that defectors will churches.



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Labour attacks Major over Iraqi exports smokescreen'

The prime minister relied on a "personal assurance" from Alan Clark that guidelines had not been breached

By JILL SHERMAN AND ROBERT MORGAN

THE prime minister was last night accused of putting up a smokescreen and using Alan Clark, the former defence minister, as "a scapegoat", after coming under pressure by Opposition leaders in the Commons to spell out his part in the alleged breach of arms

lines on exports to Iraq had been breached, but said that he had relied on a personal assurance from Mr Clark, the

Mr Clark's testimony in the

case, Mr Major said. Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, later accused Mr Major of ducking questions which went to the heart of the integrity of the

"The prime minister was asked for an explanation - he has responded with a smokescreen and a scape goat," Mr Ashdown said. "He appears implicitly to have accused Mr Clark of lying. This is a deeply regrettable response to a very important

As the arms to Iraq affair dominated question time exchanges in the House of Commons, John Smith, the Labour leader, challenged Mr

Mr Major, appearing to dodge the question, repeated his earlier promise that the enquiry under Lord Justice Scott would be able to question ninisters and officials who are asked to give evidence to the

He claimed that ministers, in claiming public immunity, were only doing what they

the courts. On the contrary they were making available all the relevant documents to the

courts," he said. "It was then for the judge to decide which of the documents should be protected by public interest immunity and which should not."

Mr Smith accused Mr Ma-jor of reading from a prepared statement and of refusing to answer the question. "Can I remind you that this question goes right to the heart of the credibility of your government and I ask you it again," the Labour leader said. "When did you first know that the guidelines on arms-related exports to Iraq were being

Mr Major drew gasps from backbenchers when he said: "It was not clear at all that they

The prime minister said the first allegations that the arms embargo against Iraq had been breached were made in an article in The Sunday Times in late 1990.

"Following that article I, together with the cabinet secretary, had a meeting with Alan Clark (then a defence minister) and in that meeting he told me it was totally false to suggest that he was advising the companies concerned or how to prepare licence applications in such a way as to conceal military use," Mr Ma-

statement which he provided the written witness statement might not correspond with his

prime minister did not believe the guidelines were being breached he must be the only person in the country to have arrived at that conclusion. "Will he tell us that was the whole truth as he knew it at the time?"

swer I have given or letter I have dispatched has been based on the position as I understood it to be and I am utterly confident that will be clear in Lord Justice Scott's enquiry," the prime minister said.



In the clear: Mr Bailey, surrounded by reporters outside the Old Bailey yesterday

Second arms case collapses

By Stewart Tendler, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A FOURTH businessman charged by Customs investigators with illegally supplying machinery to Iraq was freed at the Old Bailey yesterday after the prosecution offered no evidence and the case

collapsed. It also emerged yesterday that one of the three defendants in the Matrix Churchill trial, which collapsed earlier this week, had been working for MI6, telling them of the Iraqi orders and plans. A director of the company said he was told that a report of the information he supplied would be sent to Margaret Thatcher, who was then prime minister.

The case against Keith Bai-ley, 57, chairman of BSA Tools, was hastily brought forward to yesterday after the case against the Matrix Churchill businessmen disintegrated following the disclosure of government papers and evi-dence from Alan Clark, a former minister at the Minis-

try of Defence. The Matrix Churchill case fell after Mr Clark's evidence on the application of guidelines on what could be exported was said by the prosecution to be inconsistent with earlier statements. Yesterday in court, Alan Moses QC, who also prosecuted in the Matrix Churchill case, told Mr Justice

Garland that "the proper and only course we can take is to

offer no evidence". Mr Bailey, who is also chairman of Automation investments, which took over part of Matrix Churchill, was given costs. The case began almost two years ago when customs oficers began investigations into the sale of equipment to Iraq.

Mr Bailey, of Streetley. Birmingham, was accused of breaking an order controlling exports of machine tooling. which was specially designed for Iraq, between September 1988 and March 1989. The machine tools were considered suitable for making shells. Mr Bailey, a former chairman of the Machine Tools Trades Association, was present at the meeting with Mr Clark in 1988 when he encouraged manufacturers to emphasise the peaceful use of equipment

they planned to export.
Outside the court yesterday Mr Bailey refused to discuss the meeting but said that he would have called Mr Clark and other unnamed ministers as witnesses if the case had gone ahead.

"We have lost 300 jobs in redundancies due to this business. It has had an effect on the company and a lot of people's lives," Mr Bailey said.
"I feel a bit sorry for the government. They were seek-ing to promote trade like every

other country in Europe." The investigations by a 20strong Customs team into breaches of embargoes against Iraq will form part of the evidence to the judicial enquiry announced this week.

The Matrix Churchill case revealed that one of the defendants, Paul Henderson, had been working for MIo, telling them of the Iraqi orders and plans. Yesterday Mark Gutteridge, sales director for the company, told BBC Radi-o's World at One programme that he had spied for M15. Mr Gutteridge, who would have been a defence witness in the Matrix Churchill case, said it was clear that the machinery could be used for munitions. He reported to an M15

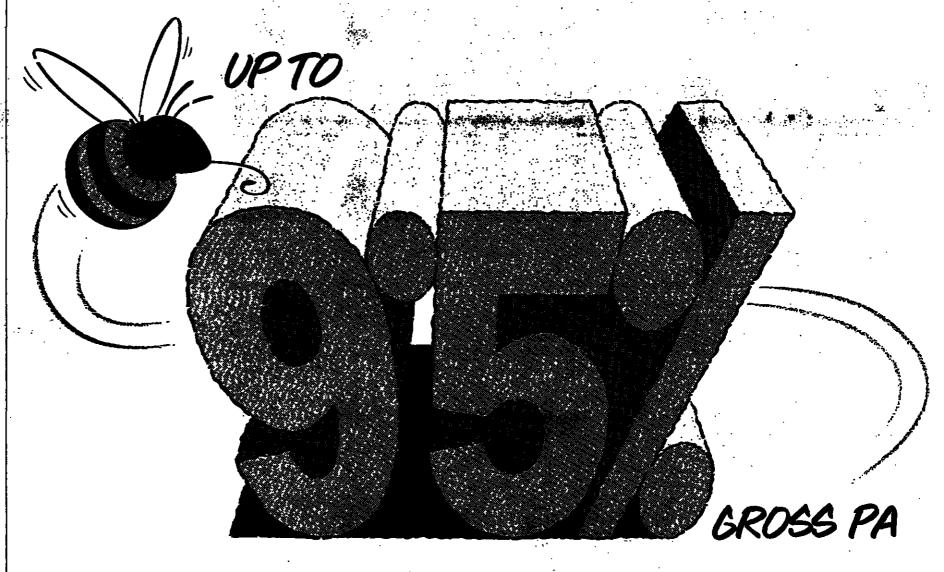
officer who in turn passed information to MI6. On one occasion, Mr Gutteridge said, the M15 man told him that a report of his information would reach Mrs Thatcher's desk. Mr Gutteridge said he believed that the authorities knew what was being exported, that there was concern. and that information went to the prime minister.

Mr Gutteridge said he was concerned at the way the affair had been sensationalised and that the Iraqis were being told

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Mr Major refused to rule out the possibility that guideformer defence procurement minister, that this had not

Mr Major told the House of Commons that this assurance was in line with Mr Clark's written witness statement for the Matrix Churchill case. The first sign of inconsistency was

question.

Major on when he first knew that guidelines on arms-related exports to Iraq were being

any minister and to see any documents it wished. "All enquiry will be required to do

were obliged to do by law. "It follows that they were not concealing information from

"Mr Clark took the same position in the written witness to the court case and it wasn't until his testimony in the case, therefore, that I had any reason to believe that what he had told me and what was in

oral evidence." Mr Smith said that if the

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Wife visits Briton in Baghdad prison

By Nicholas Watt

THE wife of the British catering manager jailed for seven years in Iraq has spent four hours visiting her husband in jail. Julie Ride, whose husband Paul was imprisoned for seven years in August after entering Iraq illegally, has just returned to Britain after a three-week trip to

Mr Ride, 33, from Walthamstow in east London, was said to be looking well. He is sharing a prison cell with Michael Wainwright, the other Briton jailed in

Iraq. Mr Wainwright's sister, Susan Priestley, said last night: "Julie didn't see Michael, but she said he was fine and Paul was looking well. We have sent parcels of clothes, a sleeping bag and sheets and they have got through. Paul and Michael are swapping books and even clothes. When Julie saw Paul he was wearing a pair of jeans we had sent Michael."

The two Britons are planning to make a direct appeal to President Saddam for clemency if an appeal in the High Court fails. An earlier appeal in a lower court failed last mouth, but a spokesman for the Russian embassy in Bachdad, which represents British interests on an informal basis, said he was hopeful they would soon be

Gleb Dessiatnikov, the embassy's first secretary, who visited Mr Ride and Mr Wainwright in jail last week, said they were in good health. They have overcome the initial shock of being in an Iraqi prison.



Ride: planning an appeal to Saddam

now they are a little more relaxed," he said. The Foreign Office said last night: "We are working hard in several areas to secure the release of Mr Ride and Mr Wainwright and we will not be satisfied until we get that. This new appeal would give the Iragis an excuse to free these men who are being held for relatively trivial offences. We hope the Iraqis will realise that they will gain nothing by keep-

ing them in prison. Mr Ride, who had been working in Kuwait, vanished during a visit to business contacts in June near the Iraqi border. He said that he was lured into Iraq by soldiers. He was traced to a prison in Bagh-

dad in August. Mr Wainwright, 42, from Sowerby Bridge in West Yorkshire, was tailed for ten years. He was arrested in May after cycling into northern iraq from Turkey.

Newspaper guilty of Blue Arrow contempt

By Frances GIBB. LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE publishers of the Mail on Sunday and two journalists were yesterday fined, a total of £60,000 after being found guilty of contempt of court over publishing an article disclosing details of the secret deliberations of the Blue Arrow fraud trial jury.

In a test prosecution, Lord

In a test prosecution, Lord Justice Beldam and Mr Justice Tudor Evans fined Associated Newspapers £30,000 to deter others from committing what they described as a "deliberate and serious breach of the law". Stewart Steven, then editor of the newspaper, was fined £20,000 and Clive Wolman, the City editor, £10,000 for "dangerous and serious encroachment on the jury's functions and its confidentiality in its deliberations".

The journalists, who described their fine as "excessive", announced an immediate appeal, making clear they would go to the European Commission of Human Rights and the European Court if necessary because of

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Mr Steven, now editor of

London's Evening Standard. said the article vindicated the jury system at a time when it was facing criticism as an unsuitable method for trying complicated City cases. A matter "of great public importance" was at stake. "Once again an editor and a newspaper is obliged to go to the European Court at Strasbourg to seek to establish the simple premise that a free press means a free press allowed to report freely."

Lawyers and the media criticise the fact that at a time when the role of juries in complex fraud cases is under discussion, no research into how they carry out their task is allowed. But yesterday the judges rejected the argument

that publication was justified because the article made a valuable contribution to the public debate on juries in complex fraud trials. Lord Justice Beldam said that to hold that the article did not infringe the law would "emasculate" the purpose of the Contempt Act to preserve the secrecy of the jury room.

"We consider that the free, uninhibited and unfertered discussion by a jury in the course of their deliberations is essential to the proper administration of the system of justice, which includes trial by jury."

The prosecution was

brought by the attorney-general Sir Nicholas Lyell QC after the article appeared on July 5. It contained comments made by three jurors on what occurred when they retired to consider their verdicts with other jury members in the Blue Arrow trial, one of the longest and most complex criminal trials in British legal history.



Focus on drug abuse: Ryan Piggott, 11. of St Thomas More Primary School. Kettering. Northamptonshire, trying out professional equipment at the Museum of Moving Image in London after his school received a health department award for its anti-drugs video. The competition attracted 5.000 entries from schools

Times wins awards for design

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

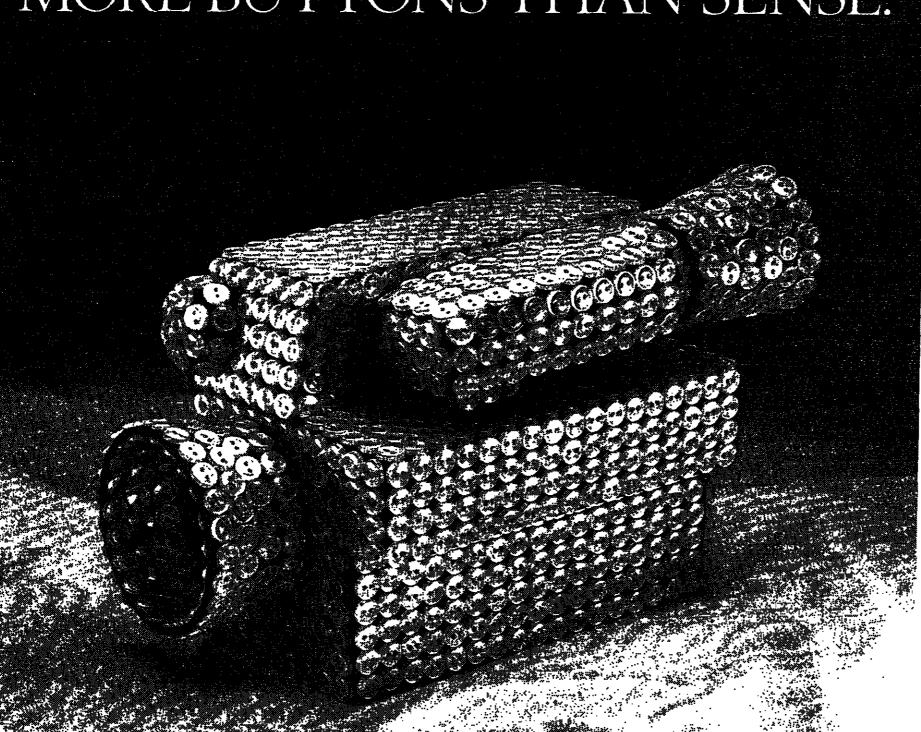
THE TIMES yesterday received two awards for the design of its feature pages and its use of colour in the thirtyninth annual Newspaper Design Awards.

Judges bestowed the Colour Newspaper of the Year award on The Times, chiefly for its use in the Weekend Times section. "This is an extremely covered title for which there is no formal entry but which is awarded at the discretion of the judges to one entry that displays the best use of colour," they said.

The Times also took the award for best-designed feature pages in the national newspaper category. The judges praised the "almost immaculate sense of detail in combining excellent pictures, text treatments, colour and spacing, particularly in the Weekend Times section where a double spread about Bradford was truly impressive".

The overall winner in the national newspaper design category was The Guardian, and Dublin's Sunday Tribune was judged the best designed national Sunday newspaper.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Ex-Para jailed for shotgun robberies

A former soldier in the Parachute Regiment, who had been described by an officer as a brilliant student but "better suited to being a terrorist than a soldier", was jailed for 25 years yesterday, after being found guilty of two robberies and possessing a sawn-off shotgun. John Calton, 39, unemployed, of Eltham. London, and his accomplices, Robert Moore, 23, of Southminster, Essex, and Sean Wain, 23, of Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex, both builders, denied four charges of robbery and four of having the weapon. The others were sentenced to 20 years each.

Chelmsford Crown Court was told that the three terrorised Bernard Andrews. 44, manager of a Tesco store in Ipswich, Suffolk, and Simon Culling, assistant manager of Barclays Bank in Kelvedon. Essex, into handing over a total of £96,000 by holding their families at gunpoint. Calton, an explosives expert, was said to have covered his tracks by faking an identity for himself as a German motorway engineer. They were all cleared of robberies at two banks in London.

BSkyB to make series

British Sky Broadcasting yesterday signalled a move away from cheap American and Australian imports by announcing it is to spend about £4 million on its first original British-made mini-series (Melinda Wittstock writes). The four-hour drama Spread Eagle, written by the best-selling author Ken Follett, will be made at Pinewood Studios and broadcast on Sky One in late 1993. It will be the first in a series of productions under the Ken Follett Presents banner. Mr Follett, who led authors in a battle against The News Corporation's takeover of the publisher Collins, said: "If you can't beat them, you might as well join them. This is the beginning of a long-term relationship."

FBI hold IRA suspects

The FBI has charged four men in New York with transporting detonators for the IRA. Two other men named in the indictment were convicted last December of trying to buy a ground-to-air missile and are serving four-year jail terms. All six allegedly acquired 2.900 detonators in Arizona and shipped them to New York. Some of the detonators were sent through Canada to Ireland. Officials described the convicted men, Kevin Joseph McKinley and Seamus Moley, as in the "upper echelons" of the IRA.

HIV blood enquiry

An enquiry into the case of Professor Jean-Pierre Allain, who was convicted in France on charges relating to blood contaminated with HIV, is to be chaired by Baroness Warnock, right, a former mistress of Girton College, Cambridge. It will consider the implications of the court's finding on Professor Allain's ability to work as director of the East Anglian blood transfusion service.



Family found dead

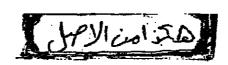
Police have found the bodies of a married couple and their mentally handicapped daughter in a fume-filled car at a sectuded spot near the Somerset village of Charterhouse. Jeffery Parfitt, 49, and his wife Sheila. 47, of Withywood, Bristol, had devoted their lives to looking after Helen, 25, who suffered brain damage after contracting whooping cough as a child. She was said last night to have had the mental age of a two-year-old. An inquest is expected to open shortly.

Vets ban tail docking

Vets were warned yesterday that they could be struck off if they dock puppies' tails for cosmetic reasons. The 40-member ruling council of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons declared docking to be "an unjustified mutilation and unethical unless done for therapeutic or acceptable prophylactic reasons". The college was compelled to reconsider its position when the government banned tail-docking by anyone other than a qualified vet. At present docking is usually done by breeders.

Smoking harms fertility

Smoking has a directly harmful effect on a woman's fertility, according to a report in today's Lancet that says infertile women should give up the habit or at least reduce their cigarette consumption if they wish to conceive. Researchers from Bristol University's obstetrics and gynaecology department found that cotinine, a breakdown product of nicotine, could play a critical role in preventing conception where the man's sperm has poor fertilising



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High Court closes loophole in cases against drink-drivers

BY BILL FROST

A LEGAL loophole which could have invalidated up to 200,000 drink-driving convictions was closed yesterday by the High Court.

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The court rejected test case appeals brought by six motorists relying on an earlier ruling that the standard charge sheet used over the past 20 years for those failing to provide breath, blood or urine samples was defectively worded and that it

was therefore legally invalid
Yesterday's decision was a
victory for the Director of Public Prosecutions, Barbara Mills QC. Although the charge sheet has been changed since the earlier decision, her department would have faced major administra-tive difficulties if the appeal floodgates had remained open to tens of thousands of drivers who had been convicted in the

Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Macpherson of Chuny and Mr Justice Roch held that the previous ruling, by two judges in the same court, was wrong and was made without proper reference to legal precedent. The three judges refused to certify that the case raised points of law of general public importance.

The High Court's refusal blocked any hopes the six drivers might have had of launching renewed appeals in the House of Lords.

In the earlier hearing it was held that Bootle magistrates had been right to throw out a case brought by Merseyside police against Terry Corcoran, 43. for failing to provide samples in breach of the 1988

Road Traffic Act, Last June the judges in that case ruled that the wording of the charge

sheet was "bad for duplicity". They said it did not specify whether Mr Corcoran was being investigated, at the time of his failure, for "driving or attempting to drive" under one section of the act. or. under another section, of "being in charge of a vehicle", which carries a lower maximum penalty.

In law, a defendant cannot be tried on one charge for two different possible offences.

Lord Justice Watkins said yesterday that the charge sheets were not "bad for duplicity or uncertainty". The offence consisted of a single course of conduct — failing to provide a specimen without reasonable excuse. This course of conduct stood in isolation from events before or after it. The judge added that even if

the court had agreed with the earlier ruling, it would have refused to allow five of the six appeals because they were brought outside legal time limits. The appeals were based on a legal technicality, he said, and none of the five had

suffered any injustice.

The six motorists who had sought the quashing of their convictions included Christopher Shaw of Leeds, West Yorkshire, who was sentenced to two months imprisonment and a four-year driving ban in November 1991. His appeal was the only one brought within the time limits.

James Yates of Bourne-mouth, Dorset, was fined £250, plus £60 legal costs, and

BR stirs up tea leaves on the line

By KEVIN EASON

IN the unlikely event that British Rail makes all its trains run on time, there will be nothing left for commuters to complain about.

First it turned its sand-wiches into something ap-proximating food. Now BR has launched its new, im-proved tea bag and the tea leaves on the InterCity line from next week will be much improved, a sample of com-

muting critics said yesterday.

BR serves ten mullion cups,
or 350,000 gallons, of tea
every year. Terry Coyle, director of InterCity's on-board services, decided the time had come to take "a refreshing look" at the stuff, and spent a year conducting research.

Passengers at London's Euston Station sampled the old tea and the new Brooke Bond Choicest Blend yesterday. Maggie Mayhew, of Croydon, south London, said: "The new tea has a much fuller flavour." But Jeffery Lockett, of Congleton, Cheshire, said: "Neither are exactly



Better brew: A passenger at Euston station yesterday sampling the new tea

44% caught in legal aid trap

By Frances Gibb LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

NEARLY half the population is too wealthy to qualify for legal aid yet cannot afford the costs of going to law, the Consumers' Association said

yesterday. David Tench, the association's legal director, said that these people - 44 per cent of the population and growing were denied access to the courts because they fell into

the "middle income trap". These people are in effect invited to sign two blank cheques: one for their own legal costs, and another, to be paid if the case is lost, for the other side's custs. These could be many thousands of pounds. Mr Tench said the number of adults eligible for legal aid had fallen by 10 per cent in the decade to 1989. A single person without dependants or a mongage need earn only £4.790 to be denied legal aid. A home-owning couple with children on an income of \$20,000 are also incligible, on the basis of April 1989 figures. The association is calling for new and effective ways of funding litigation for those outside the scope of legal aid.

Farmers expect incomes

By Michael Hornsby **AGRICULTURE** CORRESPONDENT

boost

BRITAIN'S farmers can look forward to a boost in their incomes on January I that will more than offset any losses they are likely to suffer under the reform of the European Community's common agricultural

trade order. This windfall helps to explain why farmers here have been more relaxed than their French counterparts about extra cuts in farm subsidies which the EC may have to concede in resumed negotiations with the United States on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Consumers will be less happy. Better returns for farmers will feed through into higher prices in the shops. A 21b pack of butter could rise by 10p. lib of cheddar cheese by 9p, 11b of sugar by nearly 3p and a loaf of bread by between 1p and 2p, ac-cording to the Food and Drink Federation.

Farmers stand to benefit because of the 15 per cent devaluation of the pound since its suspension from the ERM and the imminent abolition of the EC's "green" farm price exchange rates.

The minimum prices farmers are guaranteed are expressed in European Currency Units and then converted into national currencies. Sterling's collapse should thus have led automatically to a 15 per cent rise in British prices. The only reason this has

not happened yet is because a system of border levies and subsidies is used to offset such exchange-rate shifts. But on January 1, when the single market takes effect, these monetary compensatory allowances" will be abolished at a stroke.

Chris Downs, a National Farmers' Union economist. said: "UK farmers will to some extent be cushioned, but the benefit will not be as big as some people are claiming. The falling pound will also increase farmers' costs by raising the price of imported inputs such as

fertiliser."
The NFU concedes that there will be an indirect impact on consumer prices, but says it will be small. "The overall impact on inflation should be less than a quarter of 1 per cent," Mr Downs said.

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Spiro 'was haunted by his past'

The suspected British spy lan Spiro had received threatening phone calls in the days before his death and the murder of his family in Cali-fornia, according to his broth-

Ken Quarton, brother of Mrs Spiro, believes that the whole family was murdered. He said that Mr Spiro had said that his past had come Terry Waite's book contained the explanation.

Mr Spiro, 46, who was found dead in his car after his wife and three children had been shot in their beds, is suspected of having been a gobetween for the CIA and MI6 during hostage negotiations in Lebanon. The San Diego Union-Tribune, which interviewed Mr Quarton, also re-ported that Mr Spiro had sent a maid home on Sunday morning after saying that his family was not at home.

Race enquiry

Equality has found the Handsworth Horticultural Institute, a Birmingham social club, to have been indirectly discriminating against people from ethnic minorities. The club had only white members and operated a proposer/sec-onder admission policy.

Alan Garman, 57, was driving on the wrong side of the road when he was killed in a crash with another car at Beynat, France, in June, a Nottingham inquest was told before a verdict of accidental

Southampton where the comedian Benny Hill lived as a boy is being offered for sale at £89,000. Hill died this year aged 67.

Murder case

ry after the body of Julie Ayton, 40, was found dead at the King George V pub in Suton, Norfolk.

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Some of the defence lawyers

involved in yesterday's hear-ing said that it was still legally possible for other similar ap-

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Police began a murder enqui-



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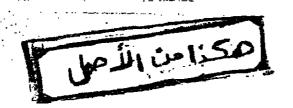
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British spend smaller slice of earnings on food and clothes

PEOPLE are spending less on food and clothing and more on home improvements than they used to. They are also saving money, rather than buying consumer goods, according to government statistics published yesterday.

Average weekly spending for 1991 increased by 4.8 per cent over the previous year to £259. However, when taking into account inflation of 5.8 per cent, the figure represents a decrease in spending in real

Average gross weekly in-come per household rose by 8 per cent to £363 last year, a further indication that people were saving their money and dampening government hopes of increased consumer spending to help restart the

Figures published in the Central Statistical Office's family spending report for 1991 were gathered from 7,000 households. The average size of households in 1991 of 2.42 persons per home is the lowest recorded since the

survey began in 1957. Almost one in three households now comprises a single adult, double the number of 30 years ago, while the somade up of a man, a woman and two children, accounts for only 11 per cent. More than two thirds of homes are owner occupied and one in five is rented from a local authority.

People spend most of their money on food and housing. together making up nearly 40 per cent of spending for the average household. The pro-

1957 to just under 18 per cent

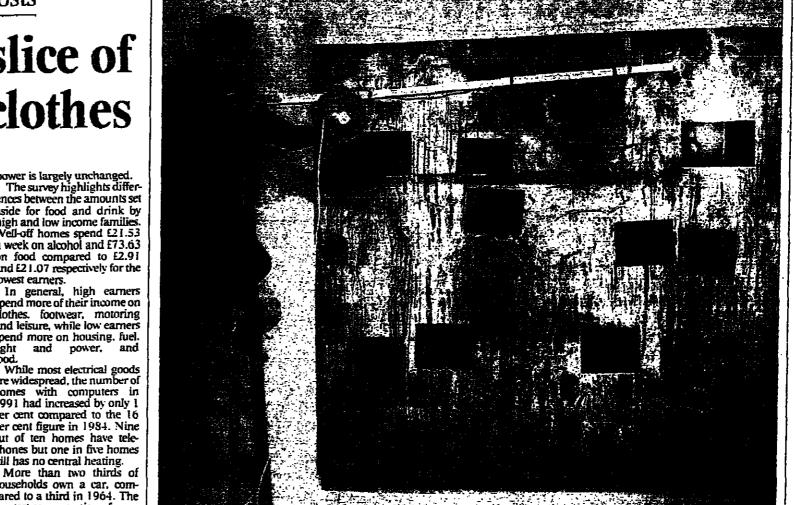
Spending on clothing and footwear also fell, from 10 per cent in 1957 to just over 6 per cent last year. The amount on housing and motoring douportion of income spent on food has dropped from 33 per bled over the same period. Spending on fuel. light and

power is largely unchanged. The survey highlights differences between the amounts set aside for food and drink by high and low income families. Well-off homes spend £21.53 a week on alcohol and £73.63 on food compared to £2.91 and £21.07 respectively for the lowest earners. Average weekly disposable household income

In general, high earners spend more of their income on clothes, footwear, motoring and leisure, while low earners spend more on housing, fuel. and power, and

While most electrical goods are widespread, the number of homes with computers in 1991 had increased by only 1 per cent compared to the 16 per cent figure in 1984. Nine out of ten homes have telephones but one in five homes still has no central heating.

households own a car, compared to a third in 1964. The greatest concentration of ownexcluding Greater London, at 78 per cent. Overall, Britons spend an average of £33.98 a week on motoring, with the highest expenditure in the South-West at £42.35 and the lowest in Scotland at £26.23. Family Spending: A Report on the 1991 Family Expenditure Survey (Stationery Office:



All lit up: Richard Clegg aims spotlights in front of his work in the interim exhibition by final year painting students at the Royal College of Art, which opened this week (Alison Roberts writes). The exhibition is increasingly important each year, as buvers recognise it as an opportunity to become familiar with the 22 names of the year's young artists. Mr Clegg,

24. from Blackpool, had used holograms and gravel. He said his work was untitled: "I wouldn't like to impose my opinion of my pieces on anyone too heavily, it's up to them to

make what they want of it."

The fiery red and gold canvas had been through many stages before the final version was ready. Red-eyed and chain smoking, he had been up all

night preparing it for the opening Antonia Pollock's large moose hear made entirely of chenille wool and wire, was popular with visitors who touched its nose and remarked on its enigmatic smile. The piece was called It Could Pull The Wool Over The Eyes Of God, because "it's not real and it's very desirable and people shouldn' desire a real moose's head", she said.

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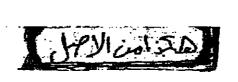
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Superquarry plan sets environmental alarm bells ringing

■ Countryside groups want a better solution to the problem of England's voracious appetite for building materials

By Michael McCarthy, environment correspondent

A GOVERNMENT proposal to help solve quarrying problems in the South-East of England with a network of "superquarries" on the Scottish coast set environmental Economics and Planning. A alarm bells ringing north and

south of the border yesterday. Scottish Natural Heritage, the government's wildlife and countryside agency, said it could cause enormous damage to outstanding coastline and put jobs at risk in important local industries such as tourism and fish farming. The Council for the Protection of Rural England said it was merely passing the environ-

mental buck to Scotland. Under the proposal, mil-lions of tons of crushed rock blasted out of coastal cliffs and mountains in the highlands and islands could be transported in container ships to South-East ports and distributed to the construction industry by road, rail and barge.

The move would be designed to ease the pressure on the crowded English countryside, where the extraction of minerals such as crushed rock, sand and gravel — collectively known as aggregates — is running into increasingly stiff opposition. According to the CPRE, last year's forecast of demand, which said that 450 million tons of aggregates would be required annually by 2011, means digging up an area of countryside the size of Berkshire, six metres deep. The Scottish superquarries

proposal is contained in a report commissioned by the the wake of argument over the forecast by consultants Arup coastal superquarry would produce perhaps five million tons of rock a year compared with a million for a standard quarry. The report said that planning permission might be refused at many sites, but it was reasonable to assume that up to 20 coastal superquarry opportunities existed.

Tony Baldry, the junior environment minister, said yesterday: the environmental implications would be carefulexamined. However, Scottish Natural Heritage was particularly concerned at the proposal. "Badly sited superquarries could cause enormous damage to Scotland's coastline and put at risk jobs in key local industries such as tourism and fish farming," the agency said. Magnus Magnusson, SNH chairman, said: "Scotland's outstanding coastline is one of its most important environmental assets. It must be the secretary of state's responsi-bility to ensure that it is not put at risk for the sake of a comparatively small number

Ben Plowden, of the CPRE, said the government should look at curbing demand for minerals, rather than increasing the supply, as it was doing with water.

Condom collection fetches thousands

By SARAH JANE CHECKLAND

A COLLECTION of five condoms, believed to have been made in England during the 19th century, sold at Christie's in London yesterday at prices ranging from £400 to £3,000.

Described in the catalogue as "rare male contraceptive devices", they were made from animal membrane, dyed pink, with a silk tie for attachment

purposes. All of them came to light in the wake of the sale of a single example for a pulse-racing £3,300 at Christie's

last summer. They came out of the woodwork. People must have opened up their lofts," a spokesman said.

One condom, bearing an erotic illustration of a couple at play sold for £3,300 (estimate £800 to £1,200) thereby equalling last summer's record. The buyer was a collector bidding surreptitiously in the room. At £410, the cheapest condom came plain, with no illustration. According to experts at

the auction house, contraceptive devices such as these have been part of the British erotic armoury and literature since the 18th

In Joseph Gay's poem. The Petticoat, of 1716. The New Machine as a sure defense shall prove and guard the sex against the Harm of Love". James Boswell referred to "armour complete".

There were always the prudes who thought the use of condoms should not be allowed in a Christian country.

Pragmatists said that. made of such fragile material, the condom was no guarantee against venereal disease because it ran the

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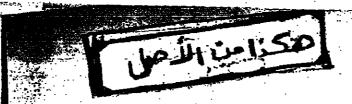
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Bavarians

accused of

exploiting

race issue

Weitsäcker of Germany, plunged back into political controversy yesterday when he accused German political parties of exploiting the issue of asylum-seckers to their own advantage (Anatol Lieven writes). His words drew a discovered from the right

sharp response from the right-wing Bavarian Christian So-

cial Union, which has taken a hard line on the need to change the asylum law.

The Bavarian party was accused of deliberately insult-ing the president and of

encouraging right-wing ex-tremism when it refused to

atend Sunday's anti-racist

In an article in the weekly, Die Zeit, President von Weizsäker wrote that last Sun-

day's mass demonstration in

Berlin against racist violence

had been "a warning to politi-

cians to take their responsibilities seriously. The German

people were demanding that

they should seek compromise and a constitutional solution

to the problem, and "not change their standpoints out of fear of the violent".

Plane crashes

march.

President von

Honecker judge halts trial for health report

■ The trial of Erich Honecker is the most important legal event in Germany since the Nuremberg war crimes trials. But there are doubts whether he should be on trial at all

FROM ADAM LEBOR IN BERLIN

A SMILING Erich Honecker raised his right fist in the old communist salute and gave the V for victory sign at the start of his trial here yesterday. But his defiance was short-

Forty-five minutes after the former East German leader and four of his former assocharged with responsibility for the deaths of 13 people who tried to escape across the then border between the two Germanies, the case was adjourned until next week.

The judge halted proceed ings after hearing that Willi Stoph, the former prime minister, was unable to attend because he had suffered a heart attack. On Monday, a doctor will give the court an assessment of Herr Stoph's health. His defence lawyer said that doctors had decided that Herr Stoph, 78, would not be able to attend the trial in the near future.

Supporters cheered Herr Honecker, 80, who is suffering from terminal liver cancer, with cries of "Hello, Erich" and "Red Front", an old communist rallying cry from the 1930s, when as a young activist in the German Communist Party, he and a generation of fervent anti-Nazis risked their lives to fight against Hitler. Erich Mielke,



Stoph: suffered heart attack at 78

the former Stasi secret police chief, is among those facing charges over the deaths of East Germans killed by sharpshooters as they tried to escape to freedom. Hundreds of spectators had queued since dawn to get coveted seats in the gallery, and left-wing demonstrators shouted demands that the six accused should be freed

Heated debates crupted outside the court between those wanting the defendants freed and others calling for their imprisonment. The latter included former political prisoners from the former East Germany and the families of those killed trying to escape.

"Nobody asked us how old we were when we were sentenced by the East German govern-ment." Wolf Richter, 53, a former political prisoner, said. "Honecker should get at least

The long-awaited trial is the

most important legal event in Germany since the 1945 Nuremberg war crimes trials of Nazi leaders. It has opened a Pandora's box of questions about the legitimacy of the German Democratic Republic. Even some East Germans who reviled their Marxist masters say it is hypocritical for Bonn to put Herr Honecker on trial, when a few years ago he was feted as a world statesman on his trip to the then West Germany. They also argued that it was Bonn's subsidies that propped up the tottering East German econo-

have collapsed much earlier. It has already taken two years to bring the ailing communist leaders to trial. Many believe that, as with former Nazis, it will be the biological solution — the death of the defendants through old age — that finally will close the controversy. There has already been protracted legal filibustering over both the legitimacy of the proceedings and the health of the defendants.

my, which otherwise would

The prosecution accuses the six of formulating a shoot-to-kill policy for East German border guards that resulted in more than 200 deaths. But Herr Honecker says proceedings are a show trial aimed at discrediting the former East German state and that he cannot be tried for actions carried out under the laws of another sovereign state, which was a member of the United

Herr Honecker ruled East Germany from 1971 until a popular uprising in 1989 removed him from power and broke open the Wall. East and West Germany unified in 1990 in a merger that he said created a "Fourth Reich".

The reunited nation first brought charges against Herr Honecker in December 1990. Prosecutors were thwarted from arresting him by the Soviet military, which whisked him into an intensive-care unit in a clinic at one of their bases south of Berlin.

Herr Honecker again slipped through the clutches of the German authorities in March last year, when the Soviet army flew him to Moscow, ostensibly for heart treatment. Herr Honecker and his wife Margot exploited the chaos of the collapsing Soviet Union and then later, in December last year, sought refuge in the Chilean embassy in Moscow. Germany finally





Defiance and grief: Erich Honecker waiting for the start of his trial over the killing of 13 people as they tried to escape from his Communist regime, and Karin Gueffroy, mother of the last East German to die attempting to cross to the West, attending the brief proceedings in Berlin

EC will run blockade against Iraqi Kurds

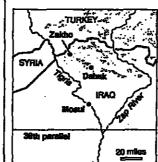
FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN ANKARA

EUROPEAN Community officials have expressed confi-dence about breaching the blockade which the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) is imposing on its fellow Kurds on the Iraqi side of the border with Turkey. The EC is expect-ed to announce a contribution of about ten million ecus (£8 million) towards a United Nations emergency effort to see the Iraqi Kurds through

the coming winter.

The problem remains shipping 33,000 tons of food through the southeast of Turkey where the separatist Kurd-ish group has banned lorry traffic. The PKK is angry at the support given by the Iraqi Kurds to Turkey in a campaign to destroy guerrilla bases along the Iraqi-Turkish border. The Kurds of northern Iraq already face an embargo imposed by Baghdad, and the UN World Food Programme now appears prepared to deal with the Iraqi Kurds directly.

Yesterday deputies of the People's Labour Party in Turkey, who are ethnic Kurds, announced a hunger strike over the unsolved murders of 350 people in the mainly Kurdish southeast. The Turkish parliament this week renewed the state of emergency in the southeast.



Opposition challenges Yeltsin for loyalty of the armed forces

OPEN competition for the loyalty of Russia's armed forces and security apparatus has broken out between President Yeltsin and his hardline opponents, with each side accusing the other of prepar-

ing to suppress democracy.
Politicians close to the National Salvation Front (NSF), an anti-Yeltsin coalition that the president has tried unsuc-cessfully to ban, said they had detailed information about plans by presidential aides for a crackdown on the old-guard opposition. The pro-communist Officers' Union, whose head. Colonel Stanislav Terekhov, is also a co-founder of the NSF, accused the Yeltsin administration of pre-

ATTEMPTS by Arthur

Dunkel, director-general of

the General Agreement on

Tariffs and Trade, to broker a

ceasefire in the transatlantic

trade war were shortlived yes-

terday. The Swiss diplomat

left Brussels after just an hour

of talks with Ray MacSharry

and Frans Andriessen, the

European Community comm-

After the meeting Mr Dunkel slipped out of the

Commission car park unno-ticed, and refused to answer

questions when caught at

Brussels airport by the inter-

national press pack. Mr MacSharry insisted that he

was "ever optimistic" about a

more positive outcome from

the next round of talks with

paring to strip military and naval officers of their personal weapons and of building up

its own elite forces.
It called on soldiers and sailors to play their part in a momentous political battle that would come to a head in the ten days leading up to December 1, when a session of the Congress of People's Dep-

uties, the hardline supreme legislature will begin.

The future of our great power will be decided not only congresses, conferences, and cabinet meetings, not only in the factories and the fields, but in the soldiers' barracks and sailors' cabins," it declared. It said the days

Gatt chief fails to broker

truce in world trade war

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

Ed Madigan, the American

agriculture secretary, on Mon-

day, when Mr MacSharry will

meet John Gummer, the Brit-

ish agriculture minister, and

his EC counterparts in Brus-

sels. Mr MacSharry's spokes-

man reiterated that the farm

commissioner believes the

American demands in the

dispute over EC farm subsi-

dies can be met easily within

the limits of the new reform of

the common agricultural poli-

The Americans want oilseed

production in the EC reduced

from 14 million tons to nine

million tons. The spokesman

said this year production will

fall to 11.4 million tons, and

that with the 15 per cent land

set-aside benefits provided by

the new CAP, the total should

Before any deal is struck with Washington, France

be 9.5 million tons by 1997.

cy (CAP).

a decisive battle between "two antagonistic social groups, two views of Russia's future: a great power and strong Euro-Asian state or a provider of commodities and recipient of waste for the West".

On Tuesday, three hardline parliamentarians protested over the fact that the leadership of the defence ministry, including Pavel Grachev, its chief, had specifically declared their leadership declared

their loyalty to Mr Yeltsin in a recent public statement. They quoted from a section of Russia's law on defence which lays down that political control over the armed forces lies with parliament as well as the head of state. Gennadi Zyuganov, a

wants the Commission to

prove that Mr MacSharry has

got his sums right. M Delors is

known to be sceptical about

the claims of his agriculture

In London Douglas Hurd,

the foreign secretary, said last

night that the world was "close

to another crisis point" on the

Gatt negotiations. He gave a

warning that if the threatened

American retaliatory mea-

sures came into force as sched-

uled on December 5, the

progress made would be lost

If there was a breakdown,

he said in a speech to the pro-

European Kangaroo Group,

the danger was that business

would not carry on as usual.

but that there would be new

barriers and tariffs.

and the talks could not

commissioner.

continue.

terday that plans for imposing a state of emergency were already "lying on the desks" of

Russia's security chiefs.
Similar warnings have been sounded by politicians closer to the political mainstream. including the Civic Union coalition whose de facto leadership includes Aleksandr Rutksoi, the vice-president The Civic Union has called on the state prosecutor to take legal action against the pro-Yeltsin politicians who are advocating the imposition of emergency rule.
The Russian leader has

been rallying support in the West for firm action against his hardline critics. But his liberal admirers both at home and abroad would find it hard to accept the idea of a state of emergency unless a date for a referendum on the constitution, presumably followed by fresh elections, was also fixed.

Mr. Yeltsin cannot institute

a referendum of his own

accord, but the necessary one million signatures for a plebiscite on one vital constitutional change — allowing private ownership of land — have virtually been collected. The property issue is one on which the Russian president knows he is much closer to public opinion than the communistdominated congress, which has repeatedly refused to lift restrictions on the sale and purchase of land. Hence it is one of the main political weapons at Mr Yeltsin's disposal as he prepares to confront the opposition.

Pullout delayed: Russia yesterday suspended a decision to withdraw troops from the southern rebel region of Chechenia. The government said armed Chechen units had moved into a disputed border region with neighbouring Ingushetia late on Wednesday after it had been agreed that Russian troops would be withdrawn. (Reuter)

Moscow: A military transport plane crashed after taking off from Tver, killing all 23 people on board. The Antonov-22 Antheus came down 100 miles northwest of Moscow in the third fatal accident involving. Authors y planes in involving Antonov planes in the past month. (AP)

Rouble goes

Kiev: Ukraine is no longer to use the rouble as its currency. Only its own "coupons" will be an acceptable means of payment, according to a decree is-sued by President Kravchuk. The measure is a first step towards introducing a national currency. (AFP)

Art expert dies

Rome: Giulio Carlo Argan. 83, an eminent international art historian and the first communist mayor of Rome, has died of a heart attack. Signor Argan carned international recognition for his writing on the modern and baroque styles. (Reuter)

Cabinet request

Sofia: President Zhelev of Bulgaria asked Filip Dimitrov. who headed Sofia's first noncommunist government until it lost a confidence motion last month, to form a new cabinet. He resigned after losing support over a strict austerity programme (AFP)

Teachers jailed

Paris: Four teachers in Abbeville were jailed for giving hashish to pupils and three students were found guilty of selling cannabis resin on school grounds. The staff at the secondary school were given six to 15-month sentences.

Over-mothered

Amsterdam: A hippopotamus in Amsterdam 200 gave birth for the sixteenth time, even though keepers put her on the pill nine months ago because she kept squashing her off-spring to death. The new ar-rival later died. (Reuter)

day," he said.
The Warrior infantry fight-

ing vehicles will not begin their climb until today. The

first ones are scheduled to

appear at the Vitez camp

The 16 Scimitars will stay

the Americans, expected on Wednesday or Thursday in New York. extradited Herr Honecker Mr Dunkel will fly to meet from the embassy last July. Ceasefire brings a few rare smiles

From Richard Beeston in mostar

amid the rubble of Mostar streets

A group of scavenging crows settled on the carcass of a freshly killed donkey which was sprawled on the road like a macabre warning to anyone planning to enter this devastated town in Bosnia.

Anywhere else in Europe. the unfortunate animal would probably have been the victim of a reckless motorist, but on the exposed approaches to Mostar there is only one killer, the undiscriminating Serbian gunners concealed behind a mountain ridge a few miles away.

In the space of only six months of fighting between Serbian forces and an alliance of Muslim and Croat troops for the control of this medieval town, the elegant streets and gracious Ottoman architecture of Mostar have been reduced to the same kind of battle-scarred rubble as those Beirut neighbourhoods which suffered more than a decade of

All but one of the bridges linking the two halves of the city have been blown up and

washed away in the fastflowing green waters of the river Neretva. The centuriesold mosques, which once dominated the skyline have been shelled beyond repair, their stone minarets snapped off by round after round of heavy artillery. In spite of the devastation,

about two-thirds of the town's original 130,000 inhabitants have survived the constant bombardments, the dangerous roads in and out of Mostar, and the growing deprivations of life under

Yesterday, however, there was almost a mood of gaiety in Mostar as residents took advantage of the fragile ceasefire, the first in months, to wander the pock-marked and rubble strewn streets in search of provisions.

One elderly man could be seen in a barber's shop, able finally to keep his appointment for a much delayed haircut. In the main butcher's shop, housewives queued patiently for the meagre supply of over-priced beef still available. Further

down the main street one enterprising man had opened a small flower stall containing a single bouquet of home-grown flowers. The display may not have looked like much to an outsider, but for Momir Cokorilo, 40, just being able to walk in the open and greet friends was a cause for celebration. "We had four terrible days

of shelling when we could not leave our homes but since midnight it has all been quiet," said the electronics engineer who, unlike his fellow Serbs, has elected to remain in the town and live under the rule of Muslim and Croat authorities.

H owever, any hopes that the cessation of hostilities would last was soon dashed by the opening rounds of sniper fire which sent one nervous elderly woman scurrying back to the safety of her shelter, while Mostar's young defenders prepared for the next bout of Sarajevo: Bosnia strug-

gled yesterday to preserve a

tenuous cease-fire amid re-ports of scattered fighting and countercharges of who

President Cosic of the rump of Yugoslavia, issued a veiled warning to the United Nations to curb alleged attacks by Croatian army units or face possible response from the Yugoslav federal

Sarajevo was largely quiet, and UN officials insisted the truce was holding at least by local standards". Adnan Abdeirazek, a UN spokesman in Sarajevo, said: "Our point of view is that it's holding, it's holding everywhere. The radio said there's a lot of fighting going around, but we only know of a few light machinegun

Only occasional bursts of small-arms fire could be heard in Sarajevo. But city residents, braving rain and snow, continued their normal routine of running through dangerous intersections, not counting on anyone's promise not to

Scimitars picket the road to Vitez

DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

AS THE first snow began to fall on the mountainous route to Vitez, the British cavalry started their ascent of the steep climb from Tomislavgrad to the base camp here. In strictly military terms, they are not the cavalry but, with the Scimitar vehicles riding along with tiny Union Jacks on top of their radio aerials, they looked like it. And like the cavalry, they have come just in time to save lives before winter closes in.

Even as they began the climb, the news was full of foreboding. The midnight ceasefire signed by all parties engaged in the fighting in Bosnia-Herzegovina had been broken in the town of Travnik, which is only five miles from Vitez. One report said that 500 shells had been fired on the town by the Serbs. Nearby Turbe was also shelled.

The sight of 16 Scimitar reconnaissance vehicles setting off up the mountain track made the local people stare in astonishment. An old couple pottering in their yard must have thought there was a war

The Scimitars, Royal Engineer armoured personnel carriers, Land-Rovers and other vehicles had gathered opposite



foot of the mountain between Tomislavgard and Vitez The Royal Engineers, who have been trying to improve the mountain track, have named the cemetery site Happy Eater because they have plans to form a tented base there. A mountain camp halfway

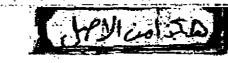
along the route, has been called Camp Redoubt. The first time the British armoured vehicles attempted the treacherous mountain route to Vitez was an unnerving experience. I followed them to the foot of the track and then overtook to avoid what promised to be a massive traffic jam.

The track was blocked with lorries and European Community supply trucks. The rain, which had started overnight, changed to sleet and snow at the top. Sergeant Eddie Lloyd, from 35 Royal Engineers, who successfully negotiated with Croatian lossy drivers to keep the traffic going, summed it up. "We couldn't have chosen a worse

on the mountain track acting as pickets for five days while the full force of 500 vehicles makes the trip to Vitez and to Gorni Vakuf, one of the forward bases for British troops. south of Vitez. While they are tied up on the mountain, the Warriors are expected to start reconnaissance trips north of Vitez to find the best routes to Tuzia, which is packed with refugees desperate for aid. The last time a reconnais-

sance party ventured up to-wards Tuzia, they were fired on. British officers here hope that the presence of 30-ton Warriors in the area will help to provide a "calming affect". ☐ Britain has announced that it will send another 12 lorries and drivers to Bosnia. The trucks, ten trailers and 17 drivers, will carry £1 million of medical supplies in addition to the £2 million already given. Britain has provided 42 trucks and 57 drivers and support staff to help the United Nations deliver humanitarian relief into Sarajevo.

Old soldiers, page 17



olutionary express Natal's violent dilemma

demonised by his opponents as the most uncompromising advocate of violence in South Africa's strife toon Natal Harry Gwala, chairman of the African National Congress in the province's Midlands region, presents a gentle enough appearance. Besides, nowadays he is call-

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Martin Mort Mortas sagne does not expect peace. He carries a Browning omin He carries a Browning automatic pistol on his hip. Over his shoulder is styrig an FN semi-automatic rille with a folding stock. In a poinch are extra magazines and two smoke grenades. A lone white farmer, Mr Mordassagne is caught in the middle of the burgeoning civil war in and around the levely Richmond hills, a turf war between supporters of the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party. Reggie Hadebe, whose funeral on Sunday brought

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Harry Gwala, an ANC leader in Natal, and Martin Mortassagne, a white farmer, want peace and are ready to kill for it, writes M ichael Hamlya

Inkatha. They are all our people; we can live with them, he said.

Mr Mortassagne got his land cheap because the rest of the valley is occupied by black

bours' cattle died. He does not have that trouble now. He has trouble of a different kind.
What is called faction fighting has afflicted Zulu society

in the green hills of Natal for

generations. Family feuds spring up on the slightest pretext. In Geneshe, the settlement below his farm, the longest-running feud started over a leopard skin that went missing.

Two things went wrong for Mr Mortassagne. He fell foul of the ANC when, as a former policeman, he was invited to act as a security consultant to a timber firm that was losing 25 tons of timber a day. He was ambushed by a gang of armed men and, escaping, he killed one. The workers at the timber firm went on strike until the firm dispensed with his services.

The vallagers, many of whom had fixed in the valley for generations, had already been leaving in increasing numbers. The emigration has now become a flood. Mr Mortassagne fears that the remaining villagers are intending to pack up and go. When they do, the ANC supporters will move back in.

SOUTH AFRICA LESOTHO

One more piece of turf will have changed hands and his life will alter from being merely difficult to being im-possible and he, too, will have

CAPEPROVINCE

100 miles

to give up.

Mr Gwala is unrepentant in his advocacy of the armed struggle. Explaining how he came to be quoted as saying

be killed, a statement that has caused him a good deal of public obloquy in the South African press, he said: "If the Inkatha wariords are coming to kill us, we will kill them. If you come to kill me. I will kill

As for revenge attacks, he

deplores them. "It is a non-sense," he insists. "Assuming we were to take revenge. where does that take us? That is a sign of frustration. The only revenge we can take is to put an end to apartheid

Cape Town: A government enquiry called yesterday for the prosecution of police officers suspected of using brutality and infimidation to ensure that black leaders of a tribal homeland continued to retain their hold on power. B. J. Parsons, a former magistrate. claimed in a nine-volume report to President de Klerk that there was evidence of "serious, even extremely serious, offences" by police officers in the KwaNdebele homeland between 1986 and

The report was the second this week to expose wide-spread maiadministration in the ten black homelands that once formed the cornerstone of apartheid. (Reuter)

Debate carried out under pressure!

China accuses Britain ed for of sabotaging transfer

CHINA accused Britain yesterday of sabotaging Hong Kong's smooth transition from British to Chinese control, and of deliberately undermining stability and prosperity in the colony. The criticism came after the local legislative council voted to support plans of Claris Patient also provided the provided support plans of Claris Patient the governor, for constitutions al reform which China has opposed.

An official of the New China News Agency, Peking's official mouthpiece in Hong Kong said that the debate had been carried out under pressure visit at the legislative carried out under pressure visit at visit visit at the legislative carried out under pressure visit at visit visit at the legislative carried out under pressure visit at visit visi

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Australian human rights state

This is the first time that extract police have disclosed statistics for the numbers deta on such charges. Western hu-man rights organisations such as Amnesty International and Asia Watch believe that the figure is far higher. Estimates range up to a million political prisoners, including those in labour camps. The police figure has one flave it does not include those held without trial.

Chinese law allows the police to send people to labour camps without trial. Early next month, a British human rights delegation is expected to make its first trip to China, led by Lord Howe of Aberavon. China rejects what it terms "inter-

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China has given warnings that liberal leaders such as Martin Dee, chairman of the Enited Democrats Party, will Beaumoved from the legisla-tion which China takes over in 1907, while local pro-China figures have threatened that any degislator supporting Mr Patter when the proposals are tabled in legislative form next year may be removed.

In four weeks, the middle ground has virtually disap-

peared from Hong Kong's property consensus politics. For the David Li, the Bank of Sast Asia chief executive. tho represents bankers in the ween China and Mr Patten is markely to hart business

Politics is one thing. The st important thing for us is economy," Mr Li added as Hong Kong stock market id record levels yesterday.



it was found by joggers in a park. The dog ran off during a country walk with the family on Sunday

Arab world uneasy over US policy

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

TWO leading Palestinians criticised yesterday statements made during the recent election campaign by Bill Clinton, President-elect of the United States, that Jerusalem must remain the permanent and unified capital of Israel, which captured the eastern half in

The attacks reflected growing unease in the Arab world about Mr Clinton's pro-Israeli sympathies. That disquiet has not been alleviated by personal telephone conversations he held this week with President Mubarak of Egypt and King Fahd of Saudi Arabia.

The stand of the Bush administration has always been that the status of the city. which is holy for all the three main monotheistic religions, must be determined by negotiations.

Yassir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, said in Tunis that he was sceptical that Mr Clinton's victory would help the peace talks after he had echoed Israeli policy on the emotive question of Jerusalem. "He mentioned something very seriously over the question of Jerusalem, repeating the slogan of the Israelis, Mr Arafat told Swedish radio.



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enhance his credibility in the Arab world". William Qandt, a Middle East expert and former aide to President Carter, said.

The pro-Islamic Cairo paper, al-Shaab, depicted in a cartoon a Gulf Arab leader declaring: "Having worked as a servant to Bush, I will assume the same job with Clinton, for my political principles are well known: 'Whoever gets married to my mother, I call him unde'."

Ottawa: Israel is rejoining an international ... meeting ... on Middle East refugees after a dispute over the composition of the Palestinian delegation. Israeli delegates had walked

out of the conference on Wednesday after having ac-cused Muhammad Hallaj, the Palestinian delegate, of being a member of the Palestine National Council, the Palestinian people's parliament-in-

Israel has a long standing policy of not negotiating with the council, which it believes is "directly related, commolled and monitored" by the PLO, Shlomo Ben Ami, head of the Israeli delegation, said. But Shimon Peres, the Israeli foreign minister, said that American and Canadian officials bad confirmed that Mr Hallaj was not a member of the counci. (AP)

Clinton challenges Pentagon over ban on homosexuals

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

BILL Clinton, the presidentelect, has put himself on course for an early confrontation with the Pentagon by affirming that he intends to lift the ban on homosexuals serving in the military which dates back to the second world war.

America's next command-er-in-chief said: "We need everybody in America that has got a contribution to make, that's willing to obey the law and work hard and play by the rules. I don't think status alone, in the absence of some destructive behaviour, should disqualify people."

Mr Clinton's views conflict with those expressed by General Colin Powell, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff. They challenge one of the military's most entrenched traditions, and elicited some strong pro-tests yesterday from officers already suspicious of Mr Clinton because of his Vietnam draft avoidance.

"It would be a wrenching change. We're not ready for it. quoted as saying. Earlier this year General

Good people will leave the military in droves over this," one four-star general was

Powell told a congressional committee that lifting the ban would be "prejudicial to good order and discipline". It would be "difficult in a military setting where there is no privacy, where you don't get a choice of where you live, to introduce a group of individuals who are proud, brave, loyal, good Americans but who favour a homosexual

lifestyle". The Pentagon has dis-missed more than 17,000 homosexuals from a 1.8 milfion-strong military in the past decade. The ban has been challenged repeatedly in courts. Yesterday the Navy complied with a court order reinstating Keith Meinhold, a sailor who had declared his homosexuality, but it is to challenge that order on Monday.

Clinton aides are reportedly studying options ranging from simply halting further discharges to reinstating with back pay those already dis-charged, but the presidentelect emphasised that he wanted to consult the defence chiefs on the implementation of the policy shift.

Jerry Falwell, the evange-

list, pledged this week to re-activate his right-wing Moral Majority organisation if Mr Clinton supported homosex-ual and abortion rights. Mr Clinton was expected to

announce more members of his transition team yesterday. On Wednesday night Vernon Jordan, the team chairman, met James Baker, President Bush's transition chief, in Washington and agreed "that this is going to be the best and the smoothest presidential transition in the history of this country". After a week of virtual seclusion in the Arkansas governor's mansion in Little Rock, Mr Clinton predicted that the pace of the transition would now pick up "at a fairly breathtaking pace".

He will issue tough ethical guidelines for his administration shortly. He will meet Democratic congressional leaders in Little Rock on Sunday and then make a threeday visit to Washington during which he will accept Mr Bush's invitation to view the White House and the family quarters. His first cabinet appointments are expected early next month.

HEYS N'BRIEF

German tourists wounded in Egypt

Cairo: Five German tourists were injured yesterday when Islamic gunmen attacked their bus in Qena, Upper Egypt, as part of an intens ifying campaign against the country's tourist industry (Christopher Walker writes).

In a rapid response to the attack showing the government's concern about threats to the £2 billion a year industry, an air force helicopter flew the wounded Germans to a military hospital in Cairo.

The daylight attack came less than a month after a British tourist was killed and two others injured in a similar ambush in Upper Egypt.

Yesterday's attack, in which two Egyptians including the driver were also wounded, was the fourth since Muslim fanatics said in September that tourists would not be safe in Qena province. It was dis-closed recently that the Egyptian government has spent £4 million on four helicopters to pursue the militants.

UN man killed

Marjayoun, Lebanon: Pro-Iranian Hezbollah guerrillas attacked UN peacekeepers in south Lebanon, killing one Nepalese soldier and woundtacked Israeli-backed militiamen of the South Lebanon Army. (Reuter)

Dili protest

Sydney: More than 270 Timorese and their supporters blocked peak-hour traffic in Darwin, joining protesters around Australia on the first anniversary of the Dili massacre in Indonesia-ruled East Timor. (Reuter)

Officer sacked

Tokyo: A Japanese army of-ficer who called for a coup has been dishonourably discharged. Major Shinsaku Yanai had written in a maga-zine that the country needed either a coup or a revolution to sweep away corrupt politicians. (Reuter)

Driver to hang

Amman: A former United Nations driver from Jordan has been sentenced to hang for killing Hamid Khawad, the regional head of Unesco. The Amman court rejected a plea of insanity by Subhi Youssef Khalil Sukar, a father of eight. (Reuter)

Murdoch award

Los Angeles: The National Conference of Christians and Jews has presented Rupert Murdoch, chairman of the News Corporation, which owns The Times, with its humanitarian award. "It's an honour," Mr Murdoch said. (Reuter)

Envoy expelled Miami: Carlos Collazo, a Cuban diplomat at the UN who was expelled by Americaon

suspicion of spying, was caught discussing terrorist at-tacks against the island with a senior anti-communist Cuban exile, according to taped records

Ban limited

Tokyo: The Japan Newspaper Publishers and Editors Association said it would extend a news blackout on the search for a bride for Crown Prince Naruhito only until January 31. The move comes after a protest that the ban restricted freedom of speech. (AFP)



Do the increased rights of minors to appeal to the courts undermine the authority of parents? Alice Thomson talks to children — and the legal experts

When a child goes to law

Heathcoat Amory. 13, would be surprised if any of her friends at Francis Holland school in south west London took their parents to court. "My father made me watch a gardening programme last weekend and I think it would be good if he learnt to share the television. but no way would I go to court," she says. "By 11. children should decide which parent they want to live with after a divorce and should be able to go to parties as they get older but not nightclubs because they can be dangerous. But it all depends on the

maturity of the child."

The Children Act, which came into force a year ago, also places emphasis on the maturity of a child. It enables children, with the leave of the court, to apply for orders on a range of issues affecting their lives. They can instruct solicitors and obtain legal aid but judges must be satisfied that they are of sufficient age and understanding.

This week an 11-year-old girl from Devon, described by her solicitor as "extremely grown up and able to understand the effects of what she is saving", has become the youngest child in Britain to win a residence order to live with her grandparents rather than her mother. And in the first case to reach the High Court, a 14year-old girl is fighting to live with her boyfriend's family rather than her own.

The debate on children's rights is polarised. On one side are the liberationists who would allow children to do whatever they like from gorg-ing on junk food to experimenting with drugs. On the ists who believe that lack of parental discipline is at the root of society's ills.

Peter Newell, the co-ordinator of the End Physical Punishment for Children campaign (Epoch), sees himself as a moderate. "Parents have a duty to the welfare of their child. They do not own their child nor is it a plaything," he says. "If they exercise their responsibilities and listen to their children they will get back love and affection. The concept of childrens' rights only challenges parents who believe that their children

Jane Simpson, the vice-



A child in the courtroom, but are the adults really on trial? Detail from the Civil War painting And when did you last see your father? by W.F. Yeames

chairman of the Solicitors' Family Law Association, believes we have to think seriously before taking away parental authority. But she agrees that it is a case of degree and wants more guidelines. "If the child just doesn't like their stepparent that is tough, but if the step-parent is abusing them or is a serious alcoholic that is

different," she says. "In the same way parents should have the ultimate say in which school a child goes to unless the child is being sent to a boarding school and is seriously traumatised by the idea. Taxpayers are not going to want to pay legal aid for

cases that should have been settled at home."

Does Mrs Simpson think solicitors will be able to cope with young clients? "I think many lawyers are concerned about the prospect of child clients. I've never had a child sitting opposite me in my office. Lawyers will need more training in how to interview children." she says.

The NSPCC is at the forefront of the campaign for children's rights. Christopher Cloke, the head of policy development, says: "If a child is constantly undermined, neglected, shouted at or criticised and is in danger of losing all

self-esteem it should go to the law. That includes well-off parents who are so careerorientated they never see their

But Mr Cloke believes that the law could be avoided if only parents learnt to "listen" to their children's verbal and non-verbal communications. From the word go parents should take their childrens views on foods, holidays, recreation and illness seriously otherwise children become disenchanted and cynical and stop acting responsibly."

A recent study by the NSPCC shows that 90 per

cent of children feel adults do

not listen to them enough. John Glynn, 11, a pupil at Fairley House School in west London, backs this up. "Adults should listen a lot more to children as young as seven. We are not stupid as long as things are explained to us. I wouldn't ask my parents to go to Disneyland because we can't afford it but I should be allowed to decide what clothes I wear and what I eat. I am a very fussy eater. If parents are really bad then children should go to court just like adults but we need special

courts with a more friendly

atmosphere otherwise we will

be intimidated."

T Jalerie Howarth, the chief executive director of Childline, the 24-hour telephone counselling service for children, says: "According to the UN convention on the rights of children, which Britain signed last year, children have the right not to be homeless. They have the right not to be bullied and they have the right to be treated with respect. But this government is not taking the convention seriously. It is no use saying that individual children should go to the law, the law should come to them."

Ms Howarth thinks people need to be realistic. "Saying parents shouldn't divorce is ridiculous but saying that the children's rights are para-mount in that divorce isn't." One of the hardest questions, according to Ms Howarth, is ascertaining whether children from different cultures have

rights above their cultures. "Just as we now say that female castration is wrong maybe we should say that forcing young women into marriage is wrong," she says.

Despite his assertion that "children must have a large say in all matters that affect their lives", Mr Cloke does not believe that this extends to sexual rights. "It is not in the child's interests to form sexual relationships before 16 and it is the child's interests that are always paramount," he says. Ms Howarth, too, is determined to protect children from discovering their sexuality too young. "Children under 16 may be physically mature enough but they haven't got the emotional maturity. Adults have the responsibility of protecting children from early

Stephen Green, the chairman of the Conservative Families Campaign, believes that "the anti-smacking maniacs and the children's rights activists are trying to subvert the authority that ordinary par-ents have over their children. "Good parents shouldn't worry. When you look at the

He says: "If we give children reponsibility for their own lives too soon we risk dragooning them into the adult world. We must let children be children."

One tiny step for stepkind

A new guide from the National Stepfamily Association, Parenting Threads — Caring for Children When Couples Part, seems to care more about the parting

couples.
"Little is known", claim its authors, "about what it feels like for children when a parent's friend becomes lover and then step-parent." If only they'd ask them. As a (now adult) survivor of several of my parents' relationships. I know what an abdication this statement represents. If war correspondents want to know how prisoners feel, they tend to try to interview the prisoners. Assertions by the captors that their prisoners are doing fine, thank you, but can't take any calls right now - are regarded with suspicion. The views of just about every minority - blacks, homosex-uals, the disabled - are expressed by themselves. But when it comes to young people. God help us, we ask the parents. And in the cases of about three million of them.

that means step-parents too.

Actually the needs of young people in stepfamilies are in many ways so obvious it's only the lack of a vocal lobby which has kept them "unknown" for so long. By far the higgest complaint when stepchildren get together is that they no longer see the remarried parent on their own.

What happens is that because dad is in love with his new woman, he can't bear to spend a moment out of her sight. Never mind that he's seen her all week and this is the children's one day with him. Never mind that Paul and Sharon are athletic, ourdoorsy types keen on canoeing, computer games and rap music, while Melissa, the new woman, an art therapist, wants to spend this sunny Saturday afternoon at an exhibition of ancient Mexican death images. If this is quality time, I'm Enid Blyton.

But how do you integrate the lovely Melissa, you wonder. I'll tell you: slowly. You can bring her in by sleigh or gondola if you like, but just give the offspring time with you alone. And while we're on the nitty gritty, don't climb all over her in the Volvo when they are out getting the Big Macs, then keep calling her "daddy's friend". They read

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of compulsory school age

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and believe me, they'll know.
And when Melissa moves in, ensure that the children have a space in your home which is theirs. Imagine how it feels to come in and find your stuff in a box because 'you're not always here". My friend Kim found her much-praised bowl from carpentry class had moved mysteriously from the mantelpiece into a curboard shortly after the remarriage. When Melissa's own kids come round, preserve all the

children's privacy, and don't

assume that all five. 11 or 14-

year-olds have loads in com-

mon. How would you like to

spend the weekend with the

man sitting beside you on the train just because he also happens to be 45? Even if this may be a war zone, don't treat it like a siege. Keep the lines to the outside world open. Just because you don't see your in-laws, why shouldn't the children? Grandparents, friends' families and neighbours all help show that the universe hasn't been devastated by the implo-

sion of your marriage.

inally, I have a message for Melissa. You might he merchy dark he merely dating Paul and Sharon's father right now. but since the time may come when you share a bathroom, a fridge and a stereo with them. please keep in mind the following. They may be younger than you, but they are people. And if they are very small people, they may come to your bedroom at night. This does not mean they are bent on ruining your sex life; incredible as it may seem, they may be scared of the dark, or lonely, or homesick for their mother. Cast your mind back to when you did the same, and do as you would be done by.

Most of all, be real. They'll resent a patronising show of interest - who doesn't? - and appreciate any genuine curiosity you can summon up. Teenagers particularly hate the middle-class affliction of eagerness. Be cool, be casual. Listen, and learn.

• Parenting Threads: £4 from the National Stepfamily Association. 12 Willesden Lane, London NW6 TTA. Helpline: 071-372 0846.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

Chancery Division

In the Matter of Norwich Union Asset Management Limited

In the Matter of The Norwich Union Life Insurance Society

In the Matter of the Insurance Companies Act 1982

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 19th October 1992 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice by the above-named Norwich Union Asset Management Limited (hereinafter

- 1. the sanction under Section 49 of the Insurance Companies Act 1982 to a Scheme providing for the transfer to the above-named The Norwich Union Life Insurance Society (hereinafter called "NULIS") of the whole of the long-term insurance business carned on by NUAM; and
- 2. an Order making ancillary provisions in connection with the said transfer under Section 50 of the

Copies of the Petition, the Scheme, reports by the appointed actuaries of NUAM and NULIS and a report by an independent actuary in pursuance of the said Section 49 may be inspected at the registered office of NUAM and NULIS and at each of the offices of NULIS specified in the Schedule to the Order made herein on 29 October 1992 during usual business hours for a period of 21 days from the publication of this notice. Any person wishing to know the location of such offices may telephone 0603 685770 quoting reference CLM.

The Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the ninth day of December 1992 and any person, including any employee or creditor of the said companies, who claims to be adversely affected by the Scheme may appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel. Any person who intends so to appear, and any policy holder of the said companies who dissents from the Scheme but does not intend so to appear, should give not less than two clear days prior notice in writing of such intention or dissent and the reasons therefor, to the Solicitors named below.

Copies of the documents specified above will be furbished by such Solicitors to any person requiring them prior to the making of an order sanctioning the Scheme on payment of the prescribed charge therefor.

DATED this 13th day of November 1992

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Ref JLS/DWS Solicitors for NUAM and NULIS

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Age 16: May marry with parental consent A boy may join the armed forces with parental consent Age 17: May hold a driving licence A girl may join the armed forces with parental consent at 17 and a half

Source: Children's Legal

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Fighting on the vinyl frontier

omewhere, in an attic filled with back numbers of National Geographic, sits the ultimate record enthusiast. Through the hisses, pops and crackles he is listening to a 1923 King Oliver recording, played on a shellar disc at 78 rpm on a wind-up gramophone. Like real-ale enthusiasts and those for

whom no oil-leak is too much trouble so long as it comes from a British motorbike. fanatics of recorded sound tend to be unreasonably attached to out-of-date technology. But before we laugh, we should listen to Jack Dinsdale, an engineer and professor of mechatronics at the Univer-

Tonight Professor Dinsdale is giving the Friday evening discourse at the Royal Institution, in the lecture theatre made famous by Michael Faraday. His thesis, baldly put, is that we have all been had: compact discs, greeted at their introduction ten years ago as "perfect sound forever", often produce results distinctly less good than the best vinyl LPs. .

This week yet another recording for-mat, digital compact cassettes (DCC), was launched on to a market already suffering from an overdose of initials. DCC is an effort by the Dutch electronics giant Philips to regain the initiative from the Japanese, who have given us CDs, the: Walkman, the Discman and, soon, the Sony MiniDisc. Is it really an improve-

ment, or merely a change?
Professor Dinsdale is no technological backwoodsman. The fact that he has himself designed amplifiers, loudspeakers and record decks may have a bearing on. his opinions, but tonight he will allow the audience to decide for itself by playing music recorded at the same session on both CDs and LPs, switching between the two and inviting reactions. People may be surprised by which they prefer. he says.

Digital recordings are suddenly not the best

When he has conducted similar "shootouts" in the past, he finds that about 90 to 95 per cent favour vinyl. "The reaction is always, why on earth did I throw out all my LPs," he says. Once he tried the test on a team of engineers from Philips; to their surprise, they all chose vinyl.

For most people, whose idea of hi-fi was low-cost music centre or an ancient Dansette, CDs were a huge improvement. But for the true connoisseur, they could disappoint. "Most have not lived up to expectations," says Brian Morris of Linn Products, a firm which manufacturers hitech sound systems.

What, exactly, is wrong? Professor Dinsdale says that CDs do have a much wider dynamic range, over 20 times better than vinyl, but that this is a mixed blessing. If the volume knob is set to hear the quietest notes, the loudest ones blow you out of the house, turn it down, though, and you cannot hear the quiet passages at ail.

Nor is it true that the sound from a CD is undistorted. The distortion is certainly small, but it is at its worst in the quiet passages, while an LP distorts most when the music is loud and the ears cannot perceive it. LPs are also capable of playing higher notes than CDs, which cut off at 22 kiloHertz. As this is above the audible threshold it might not appear not to matter, but the ear can detect different tones even between two notes too high to hear - so something is being lost.

Finally, there is the background noise, or lack of it. To many it is simply unnatural. Professor Dinsdale quotes with approval the violinist Isaac Stern:

"With CD, the silences sound wrong."
For all that, the vinyl enthusiasts are probably flogging a dead horse. The record companies have shifted heavily into CDs and big stores no longer stock vinyl. While many complain that CDs are too expensive, they cost little in comparison with the clobber needed to make the most of LPs. Professor Dinsdale reckons you would need to spend £7,000, with £2,000-£3,000 on the player itself, for a

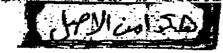
really good system.

What of the new DCC format? Like CDs it is digital, but unlike CDs it will not make existing cassettes obsolete, as they can also be played on the new machines. In quality terms it should be as good as CDs, Mr Morris says, and in addition it will have the ability to record.

T ext in line is the Sony MiniDisc. to be released next week. Mr Morris is impressed with the look of the product but does not expect it to compete directly with DCC; it aims more at the Walkman market. "Ninety-nine percent of people will think it's great," says Professor Dinsdale."

However, for the true hi-fi buff only a change in the specification of CDs would bring them up to the best vinyl standards. Such a change is possible, using a longer digital "word" — 24 bits instead of 16 and a faster sampling frequency, 96 kHz instead of 44.1. Given this change, Professor Dinsdale says, CDs could really be as good as the best LPs. Unfortunately such machines, if they come, will not be compatible with existing GDs. "They could be, but of course they won't," he says. "That's the way the industry works."

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Genius or jester? The man who makes kings

haves like a malignant John Malkovitch on speed. At moments

of stress he tends to leap on chairs

or other pieces of furniture and hurl

obscenities. Part evil genius (Raspu-

tin is his nickname in Republican

circles), part court jester, his talent

in the course of an earlier political

Perhaps most

bizarrely of

all, he is

sleeping with the enemy

race he wore the same pair of

underpants for two weeks (washing

them, he says, at night) in order to

The son of a postmaster from

Carville, Louisiana (a town named

after his grandfather, another post-

master), the man who master-

minded the Clinton campaign

scarcely conforms to the image of

the "yuppie" spin-doctor so beloved

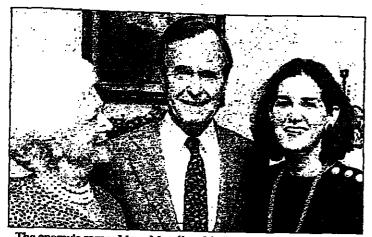
of Ross Perot-style rhetoric. His wardrobe consists of jeans and a T-

shirt, his speech is peppered with blasphemies and expletives and,

perhaps most bizarrely of all, he is

sleeping with the enemy.

maintain the right karma.



The enemy's camp: Mary Matalin with George and Barbara Bush

ames Carville, the principal architect of the Democratic campaign, will be remembered as the man who won the White House for Bill Clinton. He was not the most brilliant of the Arkansas governor's close advisors, but he was by far the most for publicising others is hardly less pronounced than his ability to promote himself, and his supersti-tious foibles are the stuff of legend: powerful, and the strangest.

Mr Carville is ruthless and aggressive, an intuitive strategist. tough as biltong and meaner than a junkyard dog. When the Republicans charged Mr Clinton, the president-elect, with waffling, it was Mr Carville who told him to drop the detail and stick to broad issues. when the Gennifer Flowers scandal bloomed, it was Mr Carville who persuaded Mr Clinton and his wife Hillary to appear on television to talk about their marriage, and again it was Mr Carville who perfected the Democrats' technique of "instant response" which did so much to blunt Republican attacks.

At every crucial juncture in the Democrat's campaign, Mr Carville was there, slinging it to the Republicans with the tenacity of a streetfighter. His was the sign in the "War Room" in Little Rock, Arkansas, to remind campaign staff of the bottom line: "The Economy, Stupid" - a strategy that eventually won the election.

None of this has altered the view, prevalent among both his friends and enemies and assiduously promoted by the man himself, that Mr Carville is slightly mad.

Tall, balding and exploding with nervous energy, the 48-year-old

Tough, mean and, some say, slightly mad, a postmaster's son from Louisiana has propelled Bill Clinton all the way to the White House Ben Macintyre

reports

Mary Matalin, the Republican national committee chief of staff and herself a steely political operator. was one of the few touching episodes in the presidential campaign. When the American tabloids, and even a few Republican notables, began speculating about pillow-talk between the two, Mr Carville and Ms Matalin said they were putting their relationship on hold; neither, in admirable Montague and Capulet style, did so.

"I like her much more than I like her politics," says Mr Carville this from the man who boosted his cohors into the final campaign stretch with the words. "Some of you think Republicans are just like us, that they just have a different philosophy. They are not. They are seasoned. They are ruthless. They are miten." "It's a complicated relationship",

Ms Matalin said recently, "the object of which is not to see each other, not to talk, and to spend our days destroying each other's work."
The couple are now believed to be on holiday in Europe — given their similarly combative personalities and diametrically opposed views. their post-election conversation would be worth hearing, from a

But Mr Carville seems to work best with those of a different cut. While politically compatible, he and Mr Clinton could hardly be more different: the former seldom utters an incautious word, loses his temper or shouts. The latter does all of the above as a matter of routine. But there is a genuine bond of



Master strategist: James Carville outwitted the Republicans at every juncture as Bill Clinton challenged for the presidency

affection between the presidentelect and his campaign adviser. perhaps because they have one thing in common above all: both

have triumphed out of nowhere. Mr Carville, by his own admission, spent most of his time at Lousiana State University getting either drunk, into fights or into bed with a variety of freshwomen. "I made John Belushi look like a scholar." he says. When the authorities asked him to leave, he joined the Marines for two years. He finally finished his law degree, and for a few years practised law, extremely badly by all accounts, before drifting into the business of political consultancy, initially without much success. His big break came in 1986, when he helped the Democrat Bob Casey win the governorship of Pennsylvania. It was, Mr Carville says, the "best night I've spent on the planet". It was also, according to his detractors, one of

the few he has spent here.

Mr Carville brought something of the flavour of the Marines to the Clinton campaign headquarters. bellowing at subordinates: "Run! Don't walk!" and storming around the War Room. "I'm irritated," he would mutter ominously, a signal for the more nervous aides to hide in the lavatory.

The man inevitably nick-named

"The Ragin' Cajun" has made

much out of his own eccentricities. The idea that I'm a half-quart low has always worked to my advantage," he told The New York Times. "It has always kept the opposition just a little bit off guard, so I've never done much to contradict it."

Whatever his exhibitionism, Mr Carville has a gut instinct for defining issues or smelling an opponent's weakness and exploiting it: much of his political consultation is spent walking up and down the aisles of super-markets talking to ordinary people.

Mr Carville claims to have no olitical ambitions of his own, and he has already agreed to run a reelection campaign for Jim Florio.

governor of New Jersey, next year. Asked whether he would ever run for office, he points, without shame, to his own private Flowers-factor. "Whoo, boy", he told one surprised journalist. "You think Gary Hart had a problem?"

Mr Carville is a king-maker, but is hardly the stuff of kings or, for that matter, courtiers. Asked if he would care to play a part in the Clinton presidency he echoes Groucho Marx: "I wouldn't belong to any government that would have

Mr Clinton has many things to be grateful to Mr Carville for, and that assurance is not the least of

Veterans rally in support

Operation Septuagenarian travels tomorrow from Preston to the town of Mostar to help war-weary Bosnians

omorrow, Hamish Me-Phail, grandparent, old soldier, lousy Serbo-Croat speaker, sets out on a journey his wife would rather he did not make. He is driving from his home near Preston to embartled Bosnia in a 7½-ton truck packed with medical supplies and clothes.

His is the ninth such expedition sponsored by the British Southern Slav Society (BSSS). and it comes exactly a year after the first BSSS truck took an operating theatre to Korčula, near Dubrovnik. That first truckload was

delivered by Sir Fitzroy Maclean (who led British wartime support to the Partisans). his wife. Lady Maclean, and Maj.-Gen. Bob Loudown, who fought as a marine commando in wartime Yugoslavia.

Not all the subsequent volunteer drivers have had as many stripes but what they have all shared is a powerful affection for the people of the region. For many of them, the

most intense and unforgettable experiences of their own lives happened during the war in what was Yugoslavia. These BSSS volunteers have something else in common: de-cades. September's truckload to Slavonski Brod was piloted by Mai.-Gen. Loudoun. 70, Dr Margaret King, 71, and her husband Hilary, 73. Daily shelling of Slavonski

Brod forced them to approach the hospital under cover of darkness, and after a night sheltering in the cellar with 300 patients, a nurse woke them before dawn with coffee. Margaret King says: "She said, 'You're a bit old for all this, aren't you? We stopped calling ourselves 'Operation Slavonski Brod' and rechristened ourselves 'Operation Septuagenarian'."

This time, the destination is a hospital in the Bosnian town Mostar, a traditionally Muslim enclave in the mountains now occupied by Croatia. It is familiar territory to Mr



Gunner Hamish McPhail served in Yugoslavia in 1994

McPhail. In 1944, he was a 19-year-old gunner in the Raiding Support Regiment, providing artillery support for the Partisans and the Commandos. The experience left him deeply impressed by "the unbelievable courage of those men and women, boys and girls". He remembers having to prevent 12-year-olds who wanted to join the fighting

from climbing into his land ing craft.
Mr McPhail's co-driver is
Brian Corkill, aged 54, a
retired teacher and magistrate

in Liverpool. Mr Corkill knows the road through Zagreb to Split very well. After that, he says, "the British forces stationed in Split will decide whether it is safe enough to go on". In Split they pick up the Croatian Jesuit priest who is to be their guide

and interpreter. So far, no BSSS volunteers have been hurt, although Operation Septuagenarian had a confrontation with militia after photographing a burnt-out church in Croatia.

Preparations for the expedition have taken months. 'We've pestered hospitals and chemists for unwanted drugs," Mr Corkill says. "I've managed to borrow the truck and we have been offered halfprice ferry fares."

So far, the BSSS aid programme has delivered more than £500,000 worth of supplies, and is appealing for a further El million. "I have no doubt," Mr

McPhail says, "that warm dothing and medicine can make the difference between life and death."

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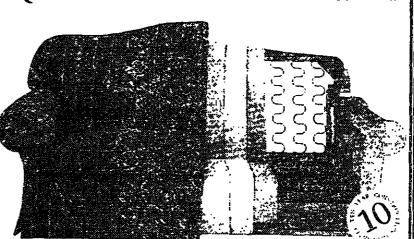
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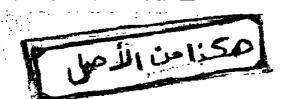
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orman Lamont achieved his first objective vesterday. After seven weeks of government fumbles and retreats. Tory MPs at last had something to cheer. Thanks to a mixture of skilful presentation, stealing some of Labour's clothes, ditching a little Treasury orthodoxy and a tight squeeze on the public sector, the Chancellor gave his own troops what they wanted to hear. He showed that he had listened to their worries and was prepared to take action to assist industrial revival.

That was the straightforward part. The real test will come now outside Westminster, whether Mr Lamont's words and measures will be sufficient to boost the confidence of consumers, house buyers and businessmen: Interest rates are to come down again, to their lowest since 1978, and the motor industry was last night celebrating the final abolition of the car tax. Economic recovery is, however, likely to be slow at best. Unemployment will continue to rise for some time.

Two cheers for the Chancellor

rejects giving a kick start to the economy, it is now prepared to provide a firm nudge. The new growth strategy launched three weeks ago by the prime minister may fall short of full-hearted Keynesianism — and one Tory MP's comparison of the Chancellor with Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal was laughably far-fetched. But the new approach is a long way from the 1980s' hands-off approach of Lords Howe and Lawson.

The government is no longer just talking about holding down inflation. It is prepared to embrace a limited form of interventionism. Some of the Lawson tax reforms of the mid-1980s aimed at tax neutrality and reducing company tax allowances are to be temporarily ontinue to rise for some time.

So while the government still an extra £750 million is to be

provided this year to buy up empty housing; and export guarantee cover is to be expanded following earlier cuts. Retired Treasury mandarins were no doubt tut-tutting about the relaxation of rules on private sector involvement in infrastructure projects, but few others were. If some of these ideas, like the leasing of rolling stock by British Rail, sound familiar, they are. They were in Labour's election manifes-

to. But for industry and Tory MPs.

all this is probably better late than

On the political side, the cabinet has held together during a testing time. The new procedures for reaching spending decisions by involving the whole cabinet seem to have worked, not least in ensuring no open splits. So senior ministers last night felt they had a chance of regaining the initiative, even

though at present all they have won is a propaganda victory. The fine print of the accompany-

ing documents shows there is rather more pain and more questions left unresolved than Mr Lamont's statement suggested. The squeeze on spending will be very tight. The new control total, which excludes the direct impact of the recession on the social security budget, will next year be just 2.3 per cent higher in real terms than this year. Over the next three years as a whole real growth of 1.4 per cent on average will be less than half the rate of increase of the past three years.

Apart from defence, most departments can claim to have safeguarded their core programmes while social security benefits have been inflation-proofed. Health and education remain priorities, though with slower real growth than in recent years. John Patten, the education secretary, has, for instance, won the money for a 25 per cent increase in places in further education colleges.

A price will, however, have to be

paid. The preservation of many plans is only because of the limit of public sector pay settlements to a maximum of 1.5 per cent. That will be difficult to make stick. Public sector unions and groups such as nurses, doctors and teachers can be expected to challenge the limit. Despite giving up their own pay rise, ministers will have to show more resolution, and Tory MPs more discipline under fire than they have over the past two months.

Moreover, the figures apply a tight squeeze for local government and there could be plenty of squeals to come over the levels of the new

council tax, replacing the poll tax from next April. That looks like being the most serious parliamentary difficulty on the spending side. Otherwise, the government looks for once to have united almost all its own MPs and should see its plans fully endorsed in next week's Commons debate.

Tory MPs' smiles may fade somewhat when they consider the long-term outlook. The Treasury documents confirm the serious deterioration in public finances since the late 1980s. This is not just because of the recession but also reflects decisions to increase spending ahead of the election. So the underlying or structural deficit has risen sharply.

Public sector borrowing this year will be £9 billion higher than forecast in the March Budget and at more than 6 per cent of national

income it is heading up to the levels of the mid-1970s. Even after several years of expected growth, public spending is still likely to be more than 44 per cent of national income by 1995-b, compared with less than 40 per cent at the end of the 1950s.

So the Chancellor is likely to have to be tough on taxes for at least the next year or two if the underlying deficit is to be contained. Taxes may even rise next spring in the Budget. While the government will no doubt seek to cut income tax before the next election, the overall tax burden will almost certainly be no lower than now. There are also questions about monetary policy and the implementation of the new inflation target.

The message of vesterday's measures, and the Treasury's forecasts. is that after the binge of the late 1980s, we face an austere 1990s But Mr Lamont yesterday succeeded in raising the morale of his own party. He has survived to fight another day, and possibly even to deliver next spring's Budget.

Power, unity and the synod vote

The church should beware of moving too fast, warns Edward Norman

The validation of the priestly vocation of women by the Church of England's general synod on Wednesday has been greeted with relief by the majority for whom it is a long overdue recognition of a legitimate and important dimension of the Christian mission in the world today.

There have been, also, expressions of regret for the sorrow experienced by traditionalists, and an acceptance that the divisions within the church will persist. It is possible, however, that the extent of the problems has not been fully appreciated by supporters of women's ordination. The outrage felt by many opponents goes very deep. Even more significant is the insubstantial nature of

the majority support for the change. Many doubt For the church to adapt successfully the wisdom of to the new arrangements, the atmothe church sphere must be one of confidence and acting without enthusiasm. Those are not words that come readily to reference to mind when looking at a large section of the Catholic the supporters of and Orthodox tion. Then there are the clergy who are vorrieu about meii prospects if they

back the losing side. There are doubtless many who favour change because they do not want to be thought oldfashioned. The public's attitude has been one of amused tolerance; contemporary social values, rather than theological principles, have determined general views about those that The Sun, on its front

page, hailed as "vicars in knickers". The enthusiasts for the change do not seem to realise that they lack a solid base from which to create the atmosphere of acceptance so necessary for it to work. The change, in fact, has been made before a consensus exists. That may have been necessary, in view of the complication of the issue, but it does mean that the church will be proceeding from a narrower based

than may be entirely safe. Opponents will be tempted to make a last stand in Parliament. Why have an Established Church if the legislature cannot exercise its constitutional right to overturn ecclesiastical legislation which, in the eyes of some, may lack a broader authority? It is a temptation to be resisted. When Parliament rejected the 1928 Prayer Book, proposed to it by the church, it was the last occasion on which a veto of that sort

was regarded as constitutionally appropriate. The more recent rejection of the measure to allow the ordination of divorced persons was quickly reversed.

Parliament is a last resort safeguard: its veto should be exercised only when it is clear that the church is acting either unconstitutionally or at the behest of an unrepresentative section. The majority in the synod indicates that such condi-

tions do not exist at present. The greatest problem revealed by the vote, however, lies beyond these shores. It concerns the spiritual authority of the Church of England itself, and it was, within minutes of the synod's vote, picked up by Rome. What probably offends the Varican is not the

idea of women priests as such although clearly the Catholic church is unlikely, in the forseeable future, to follow the Anglicans - but what the synod's vote reveals about the ecumenical relationship of the Church of England to the Church. Another obstade now exists to the acceptance of Anglican holy orders.

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cans the whole issue of authority is fraught with problems. What is the Anglican Doctrine of the Church itself, and does it allow the Church of England to decide issues such as the ordination of women on its own authority?

The historic Doctrine of the Church is clear. Christ delivered his authority to a people — the Church: they interpret and adapt his message as necessary over the centuries. The Church of England claims to be a part, a branch, of the Church. But the Church is those who operate together in unity. In the perspective of history those who persistently act on their own are recognized as being in schism.

The body of Christ's people operates by consensus, so that none are too far ahead, and none left too far behind. It was this test of the Church's authority which made many doubt the wisdom of the Church of England acting without reference to the Catholic and Orthodox traditions. Now that the decision has been made, the moment is at hand to recognize that a problem still exists about the means by which it has been done.

Dr Norman is Chaplain of Christ Church College, Canterbury

Malcolm X's terrible legacy

66 is for mystery." Malcolm X once said. "The mystery confronting the Negro as to who he was before the white man made him a slave and put a European label on him.

Twenty-seven years after Malcolm X was gunned down in a New York ballroom, that longing for identity that he knew and proclaimed with such vivid wrath. remains as elusive as ever and Malcolm X is being labelled again. Of all the confusions and contradictions in the history of black America, no figure is more emotive or contradictory than the mysterious Malcolm X himself.

Next week Spike Lee's film of Malcolm X's life will be released in America. Already Lee's \$34 million epic has spawned a vast industry of Malcolm X T-shirts, baseball caps, key-rings and even crisps, investing the dead civil rights activist with a newly powerful, but ill-defined iconographic status.

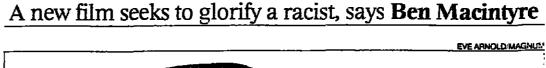
The question is less what Malcolm X actually stood for -- that has been endlessly debated ever since his death - but more what the young black men and women who now invoke his name in their clothes and conversation believe, or

choose to believe he represented. A recent survey showed that 84 per cent of young American blacks regard Malcolm X as "a hero"; but of these only one in four has more than a superficial understanding of Malcolm X's life, let alone the range of his inspirational, but sometimes dubious ideas.

Malcolm X was at least three people: the first was Malcolm Little, poor boy from Michig mother was the result of his grandmother's rape by a white man, who experienced racism red in neck and tooth and claw and grew up bad, earning the nickname "Detroit Red" as a hustling street pimp and ending up in jail. The second was Malcolm X, the convert to the radical black Muslim group The Nation of Islam who preached against the "blue-eyed white devils" and abandoned his "slave name" for the angry ano-

nymity of X. Then there was his third incarna-tion. as El-Haji Malik El-Shabazz, who broke from The Nation of Isiam and embraced a more integrationist approach to race but was shot down by black Muslim fanatics before he could turn those ideas into a credo.

oday a majority of young black Americans identify with the first and second Malcolm X, the frustrated street kid and fire-breathing racist radical. The last phase of his life, when his philosophy seemed to be growing closer to that of Martin Luther King, plays little part in his new incarnation in the popular imagination, perhaps because it is so hard to define. Days before he died, Malcolm X himself confessed:





Pimp and politician: Malcolm X in Chicago in 1961. For today's black youth he has become a hero

"I'm enough of a man to tell you that I can't put my finger on exactly what my philosophy is now. As the writer Marshall Frady pointed out in a recent New Yorker article, Martin Luther King and

Malcolm X represented "from the turbulent black awakening of the '60s, two lines of descent - two temperaments, two potentials -

[which] have contended for the spirit of black Americans." The elevation of Malcolm X to the status of pop icon may signal the triumph of Malcolm's (earlier) philosophy of separation and anger over King's

dream of integration. At a time when America faces chronic racial problems and a black underclass seething with hostility

and pain, that is a chilling prospect. In his days as a spokesman for The Nation of Islam, Malcolm X said some terrible things. An avenging prophet with fiery red hair and vitriolic oratory, he scorned the white race as "two-legged white dogs sicking four-legged dogs on

you and your mother". The racist gobbledegook of The Nation of Islam, complete with nonsense about scientific breeding, reminds one of nothing so much as those early German anti-semites whose racial fantasies laid the groundwork for fascism.

"We don't want to integrate with that ole pale thing," Malcolm X would thunder, claiming that "the Jew is behind the integration movement, using the Negro as a tool" When a jet carrying many of Allanta's white leaders crashed in Paris in 1962, Malcolm X celebrared: "A very beautiful thing has

That sort of talk has a growing currency, as was seen during the election campaign when Bill Clinton criticised the singer Sister Souljah for suggesting black people take a week off from killing each other and start on whites.

It is the worst, and often misremembered phrases of Malcolm X that trip most easily off the tongues of his newest disciples "an eye for an eye", power "by any means necessary", "the dog is the white man's closest relative

It is the Malcolm X who claimed that, when he met Martin Luther King, he was "gonna hit him in the jaw and see just how non-violent he really was" (when he did meet him. he posed for a photo opportunity, as it happened) who is emerging from the latest publicty blitz, not the Malcolm X who, echoing King, said two months before his assassination: "I will join with anyone. I don't care what colour you are, as long as you want to change this miserable condition that exists on this earth."

ut he also advocated a form of racial intolerance that had its counterpart in the fulminations of the Ku Klux Klan, and which may prove to be his most enduring

Malcolm was gunned down in New York's Audubon Ballroom by the Muslim radicals he had abandoned; he was a victim, finally, of black rather than white racism, but his ideas helped to promote both. He died a marryr to black racism.

Long before the release of Malcolm X, many young blacks have already made up their minds about the man and his message, boiling down a double-edged philosophy into a mere badge of defiance to adorn baseball caps. Spike Lee has maintained that his film presents all sides of Malcolm X, and he readily admits the man's contradictions even though the director's public pronouncements place him far closer to Malcolm the racist demagogue than the man who eventually admitted: "Yes, I have made sweeping indictments of all white people. I never will be guilty of that again." Spike Lee gives no

such assurances.
The symbol X has always been used to represent the indefinable, a tabula rasa, a label to be filled in. That is its mystery, and its menace.

Twin piques in purple

TWINS will be twins. As the General Synod vote divided the Anglican church it became clear yesterday that for the first time in their ecclesiastical careers, the Church of England's only identical twins in the episcopate had fallen

While the Rt Rev Michael Ball. Bishop of Truro, voted against the admission of women into the priesthood, his twin Peter Ball, Bishop of Gloucester, abstained. The duo, who were pictured in The Times yesterday, have seldom differed on anything. They were both educated at Lancing and Queen's College, Cambridge. They both taught science at grammar schools in Stroud, where together in 1960 they founded the Community of the Glorious Ascension, an Anglican religious order, after both arriving "independently" at the same idea.

Friends were astonished that the brothers should vote differently this week. "They know what each other is thinking almost before the other has thought of it," says one who knows both men. "They are the best double act anywhere.

Canon Andy Radiord has an explanation for the unique divergence. "When he came to this diocese. Bishop Peter realised that Gloucester was in favour of the ordination of women. Although he is strongly against, he felt he should respect the feelings of the diocese."

The two will almost certainly see the funny side, being renowned in Anglican circles for their sense of humour. Peter has never been forgotten for his first sermon in Gloucester 30 years ago. Addressing several hundred children, he was halfway through his sermon when he suddenly vanished into the depths of the pulpit, only to appear seconds later in the organ





loft 15ft above. "A miracle?" asked the children. No. merely brother Michael playing tricks again.

• Any possibility of a birthday celebration — the Archbishop of Canterbury is 57 today - has been put on hold in the wake of the synod vote. George Carey will spend a working day at Lambeth Palace offering congratulations and commiserations to churchmen and women. "He will probably be kept busy seeing endless delega-tions until after Christmas." the palace says. "This time last year the archbishop and his wife — whose birthday is one week after his took the time off in France."

Gender mender

AS the Church of England goes coed, it would be well-advised to

check its legal statutes. King's School in Canterbury, the ancient church school which has the Dean of Canterbury on its governing body, accepted girl pupils for the first time two years ago. Now it has discovered that it is in breach of King Henry VIII's charter. The historic document decrees

that "there be always in our Church of Canterbury 50 boys poor and destitute of the aid of friends". Many of the scholars' gowns are to-day worn by young ladies. If any scholar is found to be "remarkable for a natural distaste for learning the statute decrees he shall be "despatched elsewhere, lest as a drone he devour the honey of the bees". What, the headmaster Canon Anthony Phillips has been wondering. if his sweet but idle sister is equally disinclined to study? Could the govemors be found guilty of what the statute describes as "fraud or wicked guile"?

To the rescue comes Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Lord Lieutenant of Kent bearing on behalf of Her Majesty a new royal charter repairing the deficiencies. The charter will be presented to the school next

 Ivan Massow. dispenser of financial advice from Paula Yates's sofa in Channel 4's Big Breakfast show. was flattered when Company mag-





● Congratulations to David Pountney, left, on receiving Prance's La Chevalier award for foreigners who have made an important contribution to the arts. But Pountney, the director of productions at the English National Opera, has upset Jack Lang, right, the French culture minister, by failing to acknowledge the honour. "I didn't know anything about it." Pountney says. "The letter sat on the doormat of my old house for three months and no one passed it on." They rang him up, eventually.

azine nominated him for inclusion in its list of Britain's "ten most eligible bachelors." He is 25, single. with a big television following and a lucrative stable of celebrity Clients with his company Ivan Massow Associates.

The magazine set up a shoot with top photographer "I thought

mother would be very proud," he says. Then he made the mistake of asking: "You do know about my sexuality, don't you?" It seems they were blissfully unaware that Massow advertises as Britain's only independent gay financial adviser". Not surprisingly, the shoot was cancelled."

Bill and Ben

ONE of Bill Clinton's contemporaries at Oxford was Ben Pimlott. whose 700-page biography of Harold Wilson entered the best-seller lists yesterday. Pimlott was unwit-tingly one of the main sources of "Bill-the-bimbo-killer" stories which came to dominate the latter months of the presidential

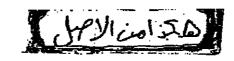
campaign.
"I was in Tangiers seeking some peace and quiet in order to finish the book," Pimlott says, "No one knew I was there but a British Sunday newspaper tracked me down and rang me while I was eating breakfast, asking for the dirt on the Democratic candidate."

Pimlott told the newspaper he did not know Clinton. "But we have it on good authority you were a fellow politics student in 1968. insisted the newspaper. Pimlott confessed it was true but added that he had never known the man.

Instead he furnished the names of two former Oxford girl friends. One, now a senior New York academic, was subsequently rung at her appartment by the same news-paper at 5am. "I gather you knew Bill Clinton at Oxford. Did he smoke marijuana?" came the

brusque demand. "What is marijuana?" demanded the lady.







A BETTER DAY

Mr Lamont was economically cautious but politically canny

Conservative MPs waved their order papers yesterday with more genuine relief than at any time since their government's economic policy collapsed on Black Wednesday. Norman Lamont did not do everything they had asked for. But he did the big thing for them well enough. He seemed command-ing; he convinced them that there was finally a new policy in place of the old; and he made Labour's Gordon Brown look like a pettifogger. By recent standards that was a good afternoon's work.

The MPs felt that they had made a difference, that all those meetings with Treasury ministers - the warm gin-andtonics in the Chancellor's rooms - had been worthwhile. The wide range of measures. from abolition of the discriminatory tax on cars to the purchase of houses "overhanging" the property market, reflected these concerns. It had been made clear to them that they must support the whole package. Those MPs who feel that the measures are insufficient have our support. But it is hard not to admire the political agility of a man whose days were numbered in single figures such a short time ago.

The outlook for the British economy is still bleak. Growth will be weak. Unemployment will continue to rise. Public borrowing has been barely controlled. This autumn offering will not encourage men and women on the threshold of employment to take a risk and spend money. Nor will it encourage those nervously hanging on to work to think that their position has been made much more secure. Mr Lamont has rejected the advice of those, including The Times, who wanted a tighter squeeze on spending and a sharper cut in interest rates. We hope that he is right and we are wrong; we fear that the opposite is true.

The government now hopes that the bubble of optimism on its backbenches yesterday will survive unpricked and float out, down and through the rest of the nation. A united Tory party is certainly a more believable messenger than the shambolic mass on view over the past few weeks. But Mr Lamont has purchased that unity at the price of caution. He introduced none of the social security cuts and tax rises that had been carefully leaked to the media. His success will now depend on what he does with the equilibrium that has been gained.

There will still be trouble ahead as Parliament debates the various measures. The legal aid bill faces cuts that will alarm many. The defence budget, which has fewer friends these days than in the past, has taken cuts that demand a more thoroughgoing review of priorities than seems currently likely to happen.

The government's other troubles remain. On top of Maastricht and the mining industry comes the Matrix Churchill affair which seemd last night to be causing more high level worries than even the reaction to Mr Lamont's great labours. MPs yesterday did at least get a little for their comfort from the Chancellor, and a little for their desires too. But the future, in Chesterton's phrase, is still one where the sky grows darker yet and the sea rises higher.

THE ENEMY OF THE GOOD

The UN should give up trying to sweet talk the Khmer Rouge

Experience must now triumph over hope in Cambodia, if the wretched country is to be spared a second Khmer Rouge persecution. The United Nations must find ways to salvage an operation which is at risk of becoming the international community's most expensive failure:

Last year's Paris accord, jointly guaranteed by the UN Security Council's five permanent members, assumed that there could be no peace in Cambodia without the Khmer Rouge. The strategy was to tame them by treating them as a normal political entity. The UN would run Cambodia pending elections, but in concert with a Supreme National Council on which sat the Phnom Penh government and all three resistance groups. This strategy is bankrupt.

The idea of the Khmer Rouge acting in good faith as partners in national reconciliation was always about as credible as would have been Waffen-SS seats in a postwar German cabinet. Given a foot in the door, the Khmer Rouge have set about kicking down the house the UN is trying to construct.

Last May the murderous Pol Pot, who still controls policy from his jungle hideout. decided that the Khrner Rouge had everything to lose by demobilising and contesting the free elections planned for next May. Since then, the Khmer Rouge have obstructed UN access to areas they control, refused to . disarm and demobilise, mined fields, blown up roads and shelled villages in a bid to terrorise the countryside, concocted pretexts to boycott meetings and attacked UN forces. They have extended their territory and built up a gem and timber trade with Thailand worth around £58 million a year.

In the forlorn hope that they were simply playing for time before coming to terms, the UN responded to these treaty violations with financial carrots and diplomatic overtures. The Khmer Rouge have treated these with as much contempt as they have the security council's increasingly desperate demands that it meet its obligations. Last month, the security council issued an ultimatum, giving the Khmer Rouge until this Sunday to stop fighting and agree to demobilise and meet all its obligations under the UN plan. It also insisted that the UN would hold elections no later than next May. For reply, the Khmer Rouge dynamited the main routes to the north of Cambodia. At "last chance" talks in Peking last week the nominal Khmer Rouge leader, Khieu Samphan, shrugged off the ultimatum and confirmed that the Khmer Rouge would boycott the elections.

Persuasion has had its day. The security council must reset the UN's compass, knowing that no course is risk-free. Forty-four countries have committed 22,000 troops, police and administrators to this \$2 billion venture. The UN's authority is on the line. Withdrawal would spell the end of hope for Cambodia, and set a disastrous precedent for the UN. Equally, the UN cannot allow the Khmer Rouge to exercise a political veto and to launch offensives with impunity.

To turn the UN mission into a fullscale military enforcement operation would be risky and premature. But the security council should authorise the selective use of force in response to Khmer Rouge attacks. Unless the UN acts, the other Cambodian factions could well decide to go back to war. In Cambodia's treacherous tropical terrain, the UN cannot put a military steel fence round the Khmer Rouge, but it can step up checkpoints and patrols. The council could also starve the Khmer Rouge of money, imposing economic sanctions under Chapter VII of the Charter. Thailand, the Khmer Rouge outlet, has promised to co-operate, although sanctions would not be watertight.

In parallel with these sanctions, the UN should press ahead with preparing elections in May, with or without the Khmer Rouge, and see what can be done thereafter to block them. The elections will be on the basis of provinces, none of which are entirely under Khmer Rouge control, so the results would be genuinely country-wide even if balloting cannot take place in Khmer Rouge areas.

The council should state now that disruption of the elections will be met by UN force. It should emphasise that the elected government will be the only channel for the \$880 million already pledged to rebuild Cam-bodia, and will be helped to form a new national army - making clear to the Khmer Rouge what it will then be up against, if it continues the fight. All this falls short of healing Cambodia's bitter wounds, as intended in the Paris accord. But it would give the majority of Cambodians a chance to start healing them themselves.

LITERARY DISINHERITANCE

The great English classics have timeless relevance

In a country where the social significance of the spoken and written language is enormous, the teaching of English has consequences which extend far beyond a child's school years. Compiling a list of recommended reading for 14-year-olds would be difficult even if there were no argument about what teaching English should be about and whether true literacy requires the study of great literary classics. Because the teaching of English, both language and literature, has become a battleground for social engineers and axe-grinders of every description, any proposed book list will be political dynamite.

The education secretary, John Patten, is known to be determined that all children taking English national curriculum tests at 14 should be introduced to the great works of English literature. His view, loosely labelled "traditionalist", is that no child should leave school without a knowledge of his own literary heritage. The minimal prescription of Shakespeare plus "some pre-19th century literature" made by the government's working party on English, chaired by a former (but lapsed) traditional-

ist. Professor Brian Cox. is much too vague. The claims made for such an undirected educational thinking. This holds that any detailed list of required reading will limit children's freedom to experiment, stifle their natural inclinations and become a historical canon locking the study of English into permanent irrelevance to modern life.

A powerful camp within the educational establishment has argued that the formal rules of the English language itself are a kind of conspiracy against the less privileged, who do not share the lifestyle associated with "standard English" (which, they argue, is simply one dialect among many). Similarly, the supposed "great tradition" of literature is seen as the province of an elite, almost meaningless to the inner-city or nonwhite child who needs to read about people more like himself.

What has happened to the idea that children can be liberated by reading about people who are not like themselves? Is not the glory of literature to free people from the limitations of their own backgrounds? It is insulting to assume that today's children lack the imagination to transcend their own time and place, as previous generations have done. To suggest that Chaucer, Hardy, and Jane Austen may be optional extras would be to risk disinheriting a generation. Mr Patten must hold out for his convictions.

'No cover-up' over arms for Iraq

From the Attorney General

Sir, It is important that parliamentary and public scrutiny of the recent Matrix Churchill prosecution should be based on a proper understanding of the duties of the prosecution and ministers concerned in any such proceedings rather than ill-informed comments.

The existence and nature of the documents in question were declared to the defence by the prosecution in accordance with its duty to disclose unused material. For this purpose the prosecution had required a trawl of files by all relevant departments to identify potentially disclosable ma-

Public interest immunity is not — to quote a judgment of Lord Justice Bingham, now the Master of the Rolls - a trump card vouchsafed to certain privileged players. It is an exclusionary rule, applying equally to all parties to litigation and irrespective of whether it helps or hinders them, whereby certain classes of documents are immune from production if harm may thereby be done to the operation of the public service.

Such a claim cannot be waived by the minister. In the Matrix Churchill case, ministers had been advised that there were certain well recognised classes of documents capable of attracting public interest immunity. They saw the documents and con-cluded they fell within those classes. On that basis, they were advised by counsel and myself that they were required by law to claim public interest immunity on behalf of the Crown. Counsel did not advise the case was one where the court would inevitably order disclosure and accordingly certificates saying that the documents fell within a category where their disclosure would in principle be contrary to the public interest were signed on our advice. I should add that if, at that stage, any of the documents had shown that it was unfair to continue this case it would have been withdrawn forthwith.

Such certificates are not conclusive. Each claim is considered by the court which may inspect the documents before determining its validity. Where the claim is upheld, as in the present case, the court must go on to consider whether the interests of justice in the particular case require that the public interest in confidentiality be overridden. It is not open to ministers to second guess the court on this issue. The decision is for the court to make, not for the minister. This applies equally whether the document may be helpful to the prosecution or to the

Those who followed the trial will be aware that at the outset in early October the procedure adopted by the judge was to consider first the validity of the claim. which he upheld, and then undertake the balancing exercise. In doing so he ordered disclosure of the vast majority of the documents.

I must correct misapprehensions that the concept of public interest immunity does not extend to criminal proceedings. There are decided cases - and recently an authoritative statement from the Court of Appeal in R v Judith Ward — to the effect that it does. The number of criminal cases in which certificates are necessary is small but it is certainly not a novel

You will recall that the case was abandoned by the prosecution as a result of departures by Mr Alan Clark. during cross-examination, from his earlier evidence. What we have seen was not a "cover up" in any way but the careful application of well established procedures designed to ensure

the proper balancing by the court of competing public interests and thus the administration of justice. Yours faithfully NICHOLAS LYELL, 9 Buckingham Gate, SW1. November 12.

From Mr James Hunt, QC,

and Mr Michael Stokes Sir. We appeared for one of the Matrix Churchill defendants in the recent Old Bailey trial and can, accordingly, claim to have some acquaintance with the facts. We feel bound to state that much of the reporting elsewhere in the media of the government documents issue has caused us to think we must have been present

in an altogether different court. The plain fact of the matter is that counsel for the Crown, Alan Moses, QC, said at the outset, when placing the public interest immunity certifi-cates before the court, that the question of disclosure was a matter for the trial judge and not for the ministers concerned. Public interest immunity cannot be waived by either the prosecution or the ministers. It was for the judge to decide whether the interests of justice in ensuring a fair trial for the defendants outweighed those considerations of public interests referred to in the certificates.

There was no question of anyone attempting to suppress evidence. In the event, the judge decided in favour of disclosure and the documents were immediately produced. Although views may differ as to the importance of the documents, the approach of counsel for the Crown to the question of public interest immunity was entirely in accordance with our understanding of the decided cases.

Yours faithfully, JAMES HUNT MICHAEL STOKES, 1 King's Bench Walk, Temple, EC4.

From Lieutenant Commander Colin McMillan, RN (retd)

Sir. The current arms-for-lraq affair raises yet-again the unrestricted (and often secret) export of arms to fuel existing wars and/or to ignite new wars. The dead, mutilated, bereaved and weeping multitudes cut no ice in the boardrooms of the principal arms manufacturers.

The influence of arms producers over the foreign policies of their governments is frequently both pernicious and undemocratic. Ex-Soviet to Iran and almost anyone is the current scene. The means at the UN's disposal are woefully inadequate, even to deal for example with Bosnia, Cambodia and Somalia. Moving a significant proportion of national armed forces from their own national defence to the control of the UN Security Council is the first essential step.

Your obedient servant, COLIN McMILLAN. 12 Park Avenue, NW11.

Arts sponsors

From Mrs Carole Patey

Sir. Your Arts Reporter writes (November 3) that arts sponsors are becoming more aggressive in their demands for publicity and recognition. Her article is illustrated by a photograph from the Royal National Theatre's production of *Pygmalion* captioned "My fair sponsor". Oddly, this witticism is not accompanied by any acknowledgment of the sponsor of this production.

If a commercial attitude by arts organisations and their need for sponsorship is now a matter of fact, why is it not common practice for newspapers, radio and television companies reviewing performances or exhibitions to name the sponsor?

We at the National Portrait Gallery might be regarded as one of what Melvyn Bragg has described as "Spanish galleons loaded with gold". Nevertheless, without those nuggets of sponsorship our exhibition programme would cease. And yet in some 50 press cuttings about a recent show, I counted just four mentions of the sponsor's name. No wonder sponsors are becoming more aggressive.

Indeed, in comparison with some patrons of the past, the modern sponsor is a model of restraint. Pope Urban VIII's family logos — bees and suns liberally adorn the great baldacchino by Bernini in St Peter's, Rome. Worse still, the magnificently decorated altar frontal of the medieval pilgrimage cathedral of St James of Compostela was inscribed: "This frontal was made by Diego II, bishop of St James, in the fifth year of his episcopate. It cost the treasury of St James 75 marks." The artists are not mentioned.

CAROLE PATEY (Head of Development) National Portrait Gallery, 2 St Martin's Place, WC2. November 5.

Child support

From Mrs K. M. Austin

Sir, Under planned changes in the child maintenance system from April 1993 (Ms Mary Honeyball's letter, November 5), the new Child Support Agency must contact the father of a single mother's children in order to work out how much child maintenance he is to pay. Failure by the mother to name the father will (except "in extreme circumstances") lead to the deduction of money from her

Sir, I am not a single mother: I am a comfortable grandtnother; but I am ashamed for the state, on my behalf, to exact a few, miserable pounds from weak, inadequate, needy, vulnerable girls and their blameless children. It is a nasty, mean, uncivilised, and

un-Christian proposal and (in case another objection were needed) bound to be ineffective.

Yours faithfully, K. M. AUSTIN, 23 Ward Close,

Treading the boards

From Mr Ken Russell

Sir. In an article entitled "The public life of a would-be composer" (Arts. November 6) Peter Lewis wrote: "Russell proceeded to fall in love with the unknown actress he had cast as the dancer - Heny Baynes, who is now the third Mrs Russell." In your issue of May 5 Martin

Hoyle, reviewing the play, Women Laughing, referred to her as the "wonderful Hetty Baynes". Obviously she was known to him, as she has been for 20 years to many others familiar with her work on the stage, screen, television and radio. Yours sincerely,

KEN RUSSELL. 16 Salisbury Place, W1. November 9.

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Maastricht doubts and dilemmas

From Sir Andrew Hugh Smith, Chairman of the London

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and unemployment."

believe that damage is already being done to our economy. In Tokyo last week Japanese businessmen consistently expressed to me the utmost alarm at the threat to the viability of their investments in this country and consternation at the possibility of any distancing of this country from the European Community. No doubt the business community in other countries are reacting in the same way.

Our economy has gained much in recent years from this inward investment from other countries, notably in manufacturing facilities aimed at the European markets as a whole. Our productive output and in particular employment have benefited greatly. The largest element of this investment has come from Japan although many other countries, including the US.

Clearly there will be no further inward investment in this country while this situation persists. Even if the uncertainty is cleared up we will have done no service to our prospects for investment in the future. Following a clear commitment in the election manifesto of all three parties to Europe and the Maastrichi treaty the current disorder and uncertainty can only bring our political institutions into disrepute.

Yours faithfully.
ANDREW HUGH SMITH. Chairman, London Stock Exchange, London EC2N 1HP.

From Professor Harold Chorney

Sir, Whatever lessons that may be

What fuels nationalist sentiment in

Sir, On November 2 you published a letter from Sir Michael Angus and other leading company chairmen arguing powerfully for an end to the uncertainty over "the Maastricht treaty and our future in Europe". It ended: "Without a clear message soon from Parliament, political uncertainty will translate into more lost output

I can only endorse this plea, as I

have taken the same course.

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drawn from Canada's constitutional difficulties for Britain with regard to ratifying the Maastricht treaty, the divisive role of language (Mr Procopi's letter, November 2) ought not to be exaggerated.

Quebec more than any other factor is the chronic high rate of unemployment that prevails in the province. More than any other region, save the Atlantic region. Quebec has been harmed by the monetarist policies followed by the Bank of Canada.

To the extent that the Maastricht treaty enshrines a similar monetarist

logic emanating from the German Bundesbank through the exchangerate mechanism and European monetary union. Britain should be wary of the treaty.

Federalism, although always requiring compromise, is a wise and progressive form of government, permitting maximum regional autonomy or subsidiarity, provided it takes as its first principle the enshrinement of full employment.

Otherwise it leads to regional discontent, separatism, nationalist reaction and even extremist politics. One does not have to look far to find evidence of this in either Europe or North America.

Yours sincerely. HAROLD CHORNEY (Associate Professor of Public Policy), Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec.

From Dr David Barnes

Sir. Since 1972 we have seen the virtual extinction in this country of the heavy metal industry, shipbuilding, the merchant fleet, the fishing fleet, the car industry, consumable electronic manufacture, the textile in-dustry, farming, the building con-struction industry and now coal-mining. And with all this we are ner contributors to the EC. Clearly, someone needs to explain exactly what were the benefits of membership of this

organisation. We were once self-sufficient in all the above. There is no reason why this could not be so again. Our own workforce is just waiting to be reemployed. When next MPs are faced with a vote on the Maastricht treaty, they should cast it for the benefit of the country, not just for their own party

It ill behoves a collection of MPs to claim betrayal and loss of support when many of them were the very donkeys who used the same tactics to remove the lion who led them.

Yours faithfully, D. BARNES, North Park House Surgery. High Road. Broxbourne, Hertfordshire.

From Mr J. G. T. Sheringham

Sir, Were I the prime minister of Denmark I would decide that my referendum on the Maastricht treaty would not take place until after the United Kingdom Parliament had made up its mind.

abroad, but it seems that we have no

control over appointments and no way

of openly having offenders on the mat.

Such a system will never work without

fundamental safeguards which must

somehow be above and independent of member states. Clearly the rotating

chairmanship of the EC in no way

matches up to this requirement.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully.

Yours faithfully, J. G. T. SHERINGHAM, 30 Llys Hen Ysgol, North Road Aberystwyth, Dyfed.

Gatt breakdown

From Lord Buxton

Sir, Those of us who have tried for months or years, against our natural instincts, to perceive the advantages of being subordinate to Europe, must be rocked by the current Gatt affair. It is obvious that the EC president, rightly or wrongly, is thought to have committed a serious indiscretion, possibly with questionable motives; yet apparently nobody is allowed to say so. Even ministers on television and radio duck the issue.

Is this the treatment which ordinary citizens are to expect under Europe? It may be reasonably clear who hires the EC mandarins, but who sacks them if they fail in their duty? And since a bureaucrat, senior or otherwise, is likely to be a national of a member state, what happens if a dominant member state is likely to be annoyed or embarrassed by the criticism or removal of its own compatriot?

Not only are we in danger of being pushed around by unelected officials

From Mr Robert J. Taylor Sir. M Delors and other EC commissioners might be more objective and

BUXTON,

House of Lords.

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independent in their advice and actions if the Community were to adopt rules debarring senior EC officials from standing for election to any national post after holding EC

Yours faithfully. ROBERT J. TAYLOR, 1 Wetherby Gardens, SW5. November 8.

Peace and ballot box

From Mr Allan T. Griffith

Sir, Mr John Matthew, in his letter of November 6, rightly advocates international action to ensure carefully regulated, impartially supervised and internationally monitored elections in countries such as Angola where the 'ballot box" is a key feature in seeking to terminate regional civil wars. The scrupulous and pioneering work of Britain and the Commonwealth in Zimbabwe in 1980 was matched by a vigorous UN implementation of Resolution 435 in Namibia in 1989.

Sadly, the position of the UN in Angola was that of an aide to an internationally recognised govern-ment and member of the UN, which could at will side-step the best intentions of the sponsors of the Angolan peace process. In effect, the UN was facilitating an agreement, not implementing it.

Mr Matthew is right to take Zimbabwe as the role-model for a successful "ballot-box" peacemaking action. Unstinting investment in a seeming superfluity of election supervisors, monitors and observers and concomitant press facilities indisputably contributes to the success of the process. The Angolan election debacle reinforces that point. The UN should be able to learn much from this experience for the challenge facing it in Cambodia, where, as in Namibia, it is implementing a process wholly under its authority.

Yours etc., ALLAN T. GRIFFITH. Church and universe

From Mr Nicolas Walter

Sir, The Astronomer Royal (letter, November 7) proposes that the Church of England should follow the Church of Rome in establishing a forum for the discussion of questions of joint scientific and religious interest. There may be reason to believe that this would be good for religion, but is there any reason to believe that it would be good for science?

Yours etc., NICOLAS WALTER. Rationalist Press Association. 88 Islington High Street, N1.

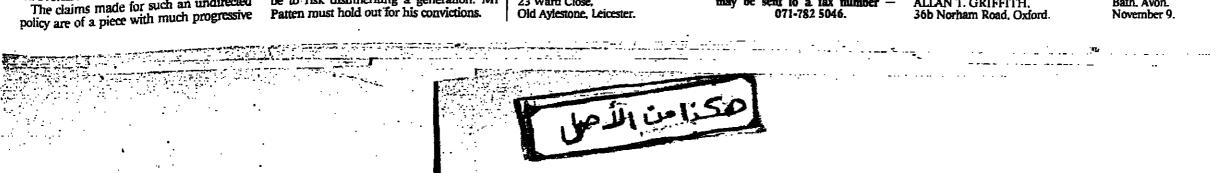
First catch your boar . . .

From Lady Richmond

Sir, Is Frances Bissell serious when she suggests we, your readers, use her recipes? The necessary ingredients have become progressively esoteric but last Saturday's calls for a portion of wild boar and a few grouse. My local Sainsbury's have a good selection of various meats but I feel would be hard pressed to produce wild boar.

I try to live up to the slogan "Live simply so that others may simply live." Recipes for wild boar and grouse do

Yours hopefully, SALLY RICHMOND, 5 The Orchard, Westfield Park South, Bath, Avon.





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BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 12: The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, Muscular Dystrophy Group, today visited Guy's Hosoital Medical School, London

Mr Brian McGrath was in attendance. November 12: The Princess Royal, President, Animal Health Trust, this morning attended the Council ent Meeting at Lanwades Hall, Kennett, New market, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Suffolk (Sir Joshua Rowley, Bt). Her Royal Highness afterwards

opened the George Moore Centre and attended a Luncheon. The Princess Royal this afternoon visited the Horseracing Forensic Laboratory Limited at Snailwell Road, Newmarket. Mrs Timothy Holderness-

Roddam was in attendance. Her Royal Highness, Chan-cellor, University of London, this evening attended the Foundation Day Dinner and Degree Cere-mony at the University of London Senate House, Malet Street, London WCI. Mrs Malcolm In-

CLARENCE HOUSE November 12: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother visited Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for Dis abled People this afternoon and opened the new Headquarter

The Hon Mrs Rhodes and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance. KENSINGTON PALACE November 12: The Prince of Wales this morning opened the European Palliative Care Conference at the Royal Lancaster Hotel, Lancaster Gate, London

W2.

His Royal Highness, President,
Royal College of General Practitioners, this evening gave a
Reception at Kensington Palace. Afterwards the Prince of Wales attended a Gala Dinner and Exhibition at the Tate Gallery, London SW1. Miss Belinda Har

ley was in attendance. The Princess of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Queen's and Royal Hampshires), this morning received Brigadier Robert Long upon relinquishing his appointment as Colonel, the Royal Hampshire Regiment, at Kensington

Her Royal Highness, Patron, the Benesh Institute, this evening attended a performance of 'Swan Lake' during the Hamlyn West-minster Week at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2. Mrs Max Pike and Captain Edward Musto RM were in

November 12: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Spowdon, President, the Girl Guides Association, was present this afternoon at the Autumn Council Meeting of the Association, held at Common-

wealth Headquarters. Bucking-ham Palace Road. Her Royal Highness, President, the English Folk Dance and Song Society, this evening visited Cecil Sharp House, Regent's Park Road, in connection with the Society's Diamond Jubilee, and opened the Kennedy Hall.

November 12: The Duke of Gloucester, Patron, New Islington and Hackney Housing Association, this morning visited the Association's Offices at 123 Kingsland High Street, London

In the evening the Duke of Gloucester, Honorary Fellow, In-stitution of Structural Engineers. was present at the Mailland Lecture at the Barbican Centre London WC2. Major Nichola Barne was in attendance. YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE November 12: The Duchess of Kent, Deputy Colonel in Chief The Adjutant General's Corps, today visited units of the Adjutant General Corps, Catterick, North Yorkshire. Mrs David Napier was in

The Duke of Kent, Chairman of the National Electronics Council. this afternoon took the Chair at the Council's Annual General Meeting, and later attended the Mountbatten Memorial Lecture, given by Sir Leon Brittan, followed by Dinner at the Institution of Elecrical Engineers, 1 Savoy Place, London WC2. Commander Roger Walker, RN

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND PARK November 12: Princess Alexandra this afternoon visited Dundee and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Dundee (Councillor Thomas M. Mc-

Donald, the Lord Provost). Her Royal Highness opened the Muirlands Sheltered Housing Complex of Soroptimist Housing (Dundee) Limited in Seafield

Subsequently Princess Alexandra visited Edinburgh and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mr Norman Irons, the Right Hon the Lord Provost). Her Royal Highness visited the Lady Haig Poppy Factory at 9 Warriston Road, Edinburgh. The Lady Nicholas Gordon

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the College of Occupational Therapists, will attend a one day multidisciplinary conference -Promoting Home Safety for People with Disabilities — at the Royal London Hospital at 10.00: and, as Master of the Loriners' Company, will attend the installation function for the Lord Mayorelect and Silent Ceremony at Drapers' Hall at 12.30.

Princess Margaret, as President of the NSPCC, will attend a gala ball at St Andrew's Hall, Norwich, at 7.55 in aid of the society's East Norfolk committee.

Buckingham Palace luncheon

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh held a luncheon party yesterday at Buckingham Palace. The guests were:

The guests were:
Mrs Anne Sofer (chief education officer,
London Borough of Tower Hamlets), Miss
vivien Stern (director, National
Association for the Case and Resentiement
of Offenders), Professor Sir Colin Dolley
(Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Medicine and
Dentistry, London University), Sir
Douglas Lovelock (Pirst Church Estates
Commissioner), Mr Mundo Madean
(Private Secretary to the Government
Chief Whip), Mr Brian McMaster (director,
Ediaburgh International Pestival),
Commander Michael Saunders Wasson
(chairman, Briish Library Board) and
Lord Williams of Mostyn, QC. (Chairman
of the Bar Council).

Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy

The 314th annual general court of governors of the Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy took place at Lambeth Palace yesterday. Rear Admiral D.W. Bazalgene, senior treasurer, was in the chair.

The following were elected treasurers for the year ensuing: Rear Admiral D.W. Bazalgette, Canon J. Robinson and Mr L.H.G. Trimm. The court of governors elected the Most Rev R. Holloway. the Most Rev A.R. Jones and Mr D.N. Vermont to be members of the court of assistants. Viscount Churchill retired as a treasurer.

The court of governors received the retirement from the court of assistants of the Right Rev G.K.B. Handerson and Prebendary J.A.

The Times 1000 1992-1993

The Times 1000 1992-1993 edition is published today by Times Books. Compiled by Extel Finan-cial. The Times 1000 is an annual financial review of the world's leading companies. It contains a listing of Europe's top 1000 companies (including the UK) and a full listing of the top 1000 UK companies, as well as lists of companies in Japan, the USA and many other countries. The Times 1000 is available from

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M. Bloomfield and Miss S. Edington

The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of Mrs Barbara Bloomfield and the late Mr Douglas Bloomfield, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, and Sandi, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Edington, of Dunbar. East Lothian. Dr C.J. Burton

and Dr K.A. Finneane

Hampshire.

Dinners

Army Board

Ireland.

The engagement is announced between Christopher, younger son of Mr John Burton, of Rotherfield, and of Mrs Ann Burton, of Old Windsor, and Katherine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Kevin Finucane, of Kent. Dr R.A. Childs. MD.

and Miss S.C. Burton The engagement is announced between Robert, youngest son of Dr and Mrs A.J. Childs, of Newcastle-under-Lytne. Staffordshire, and Sarah Catherine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A.J. Burton, of Hayling Island,

Mr Malcolm Rifleind, Secretary of State for Defence, was host at an

Army Board dinner held last night at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, for

Coningsby Club Mr Edward Hess, Chairman of

the Coningsby Chih, was host at a dinner held last night at the

Carlton Club. The guest of honour was Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC.

Secretary of State for Northern

Finance & Leasing Association

Mr Ronald Young, the Chairman

of the Finance & Leasing Associ

ation, presided at the First Annual

Dinner of the Association held in

the Great Room of the Grosvenor

House yesterday evening. The principal guest was the Right Hon Lord Wakeham, JP, Lord Privy

Seal and Leader of the House of

Lords. Mr Tony Mallin, Vice Chairman of the Association and

Vice Chairman, Hambros Bank

Limited, responded to the toast to

Mr James Tye, Director-General of the British Safety Council, was host at a dinner held last night at

the Royal Over-Seas League for the

council's presentation of Faculty of Risk Management Associateships.

The Lord Mayor and Lady May-

oress of Westminster last night

attended the gala re-opening of the Wigmore Hall. Sir Trevor Holdsworth, Chairman of the

Wigmore Hall Trust, and Coun-cillor David Weeks, Leader of

Westminster Council, were the

hosts. Members of the Diplomatic

Corps, members of both Houses of

Parliament and civic dignitaries

were among the guests.

the guests. British Safety Council

Wigmore Hall

"Friends of the Army".

and Miss D. Simpson

The engagement is announced between Justin, son of His Honour Judge and Mrs RJ. Hardy, of Little Warford, and Diana, younger daughter of Mrs Verona Simpson and the late Mr Thomas Simpson of Wilmslow.

Mr F.H. Howard and Miss C. Carruthers

The engagement is anno between Francis, son of Mr and Mrs D. Howard, of Faidle, Avrshire, and Caroline, elder daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs W.B. Carruthers, of Kimbolton, Mr G.W. Kerrell-Vanghan

The engagement is announced between Guy, son of Mr and Mrs Noel Kerrell-Vaughan, of Hert-ford, Hertfordshire, and Fiona, eldest daughter of the late Mr. Edgar Thompson and of Mrs Jean Thompson, of Norton,

Rabbi Dr Norman Solo-

mon, director of the

Centre for the Study of

Judaiism and Jewish-

Christian Relations, will

be the first Jew to deliver

the Cardinal Heenan Me-

morial Lecture. Dr Solo-

mon's lecture, dedicated

to those suffering in the

camps in Bosnia, will be

given at Heythrop College,

London University, on November 30 at 6.30. The

lecture was founded in

1977 by Cardinal Basil

Hume in honour of his

predecessor

Professor T.B. Benjamin delivered

the annual Bakerian lecture to the

Royal Society last night at 6

Carlton House Terrace. Sir Mich-

ael Atiyah, president, was in the

Marriage

Mr D.H. Mitchell and Mrs A.J. Sloan

and Miss T.S. Bacon

Mr J.M.P. Whishaw

and Miss K.F. Hunter

The engagement is announced

between Simon David, son of Mr

and Mrs David Martle of Mission

Vielo. California. and Tamsin

Sarah, youngest daughter of Mr

and Mrs Christopher Bacon, of

Dean Close House, Cheltenham.

The engagement is announced

between James, younger son of Mr Michael Whishaw, of Seal Beach,

California and Mrs Geraldine

Payne, of Weybridge, Surrey, and

Karen, daughter of Mr and Mrs

John Humer, of Weshridge.

The marriage took place on November 7. in London, of Mr Douglas Mitchell to Mrs Amanda Sloan (née Éveleigh).

Receptions

HM Government Lord Fraser of Carmyllie, QC, Minister of State at the Scottish Office, was host last night at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government in Edinburgh Castle to mark the Accordance to mark the Association of European Regional Financial Centres

Mr Graham Greene, Chairman of the Museums and Galleries Commission, was host at a reception held last night at 16 Queen Anne's Gate. Members of both Houses of Parliament and representatives from arts and heritage organsations and museums and galleries auended.

Service dinners

Levant Schooner Flotilla Commander A.C. Seligman presided at the annual dinner of the Levant Schooner Flotilla held last night at the Royal Thames Yacht Club.

Gurkha Brigade Association The annual dinner of the Gurkha Brigade Association was held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club. Field Marshal Lord Bramall, KG, presided, assisted by Brigadier M.G. Hum-Davis, chairman of the association. London Rifle Brigade Rangers

The London Rifle Brigade Rangers Officers' annual dinner wa held last night at the Royal Green Jackets London Club. Lieurenant-Colonel Kyrle Simond presided Colonel Lord Nicholas Gordon-Leanox, Lord Archer of Weston Super-Mare and Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Luard were the

Latest wills

Mr Arthur Calder-Marshall, of Hothfield, Kent, the author, left estate valued at £135.319 net. Sir Richard Thomas Dyke Acland. of Broadclyst, Devon, Labour MP for Gravesend, Kent, 1947-55. and Liberal MP for Barnstaple

1935-45. left estate valued at £253,889 net. Miss Doris Clarkson, of Bolton. Greater Manchester, left estate valued at £3.995,598 met.

Values at 23,493,396 fall.

She left Li45,000, her home, certain securities and other bequests to personal legates, and the residue equally between the Bolton Lady Club, Bolton Hospica, the Desciute Animals Shelter, kolom, ESPCA. PDSA the Steakholt Animal Sanchusy. Shuttleworth. ESPR, Salvation Aring, RNII. International Fond for Animal weeture. Doubry Sanchusy, Sidmonth, St. Mr Trevor Balanforth.

Clitheroe. Lancashire. left estate. valued £2,776,663 net. Mr Alexander David Thomson, of Birkdale, Merseyside, left estate valued at £1,332,623 net. Verified at 21,32,023 left.

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the residue equally between the 44
Presum Air Training Cogas, the Birdolde
School for Hearing Loopated Children,
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Branch, the Cancer Research Campalign,
and the Southport branches of the St. Robot
Ambulance Brigade, Chest, Heart and
Sympa Association, Dr Burnstnörs and the

Mr Richard Gething Strachan, of Clifton, Bristol, left estate valued at

Cimini, of such and control waters and \$2.014.232 net. He left \$163.000, a first at Europeth and his effects, Including his can, to personned legames, and the residue equally between Clifton College, Bristol, the Srisnel Guild of the Handicapped Trust and the Asthma Research Council. Mr Edward Fisher WIE Luxborough, Somerset, left estate valued at £653.702 net. Vannett in 1975, 702 lies.

He left personal lepsties totalling (100,000: £25,000 each to the British Red Cress Society, The Woyal Life Saving Society, Barnanders, Guya Hospital London, British Home and Hospital for Immabiles, London SW16, the Royal Hospital and Ho Royal Star and Genter Home. Richmond, Great Granand Stope: Hospital for Sick & Children, London, the Samaritans and Multiple Sciencis Society, 11,000 to Embroough Chuich Restoration Fund, and the residue to the National Trus.

Mrs Margaret Forsyth Stewart, of £599,018 net.

She left [113,000 and some effects to personal legatest 20,000 each 10 Trinity United Reformed Church, Stough, and the High School, Dundee, if still a fee paying school and 17 of the residue each to the RNIS, imperial Cancer Research Fand, Multiple Sciencis Society, RNID, Marie Curie Memorial Forgadation, Oxform, West London Missioz, London Association for the Billiot and the Paysonth and Enham Foundation, and 172th of the residue each to the Spatistic Society and Dy Bergardor.

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Mr Edward Philip Harvey, of Weston super-Mare, Avon, who died intestate, left estate valued at £2,700,716 net.

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Mr Reginald George Coleman, of Boldre, Hampshire..... £1,556,507 Mr Ceck James Crawford, of Alton, Hampshire...... £665,987 Mr Leon Crown, of London NW3... ..E1.086.919 Mr Bernard Crymble, of Hay-Heath. . £555.647 Mena Jones, of St Asaph, Mr William Charles Langridge, of Alresford, Hampshire ... 5582, [6] Mrs Kathleen Eleanor

Oldershaw, of Chaddesden,£1,513,332 Mr Percy Hubert Symes, of Shipton Gorge, Dorset, £931,919 Miss Annie Barbara Caulett, of Sutton Coldfield. West Midlands £572,916

Mrs Gwendoline Margaret Har-ris. of Farnborough, Kent £1.936.427

Birthdays today **Anniversaries**

Sir Ewart Bell, civil servant, 68; the Sir Ewart Sen, Gwiservant, os, me Most Rev George Carey, Archbishop of Canterbury, 57: Air Marshal Sir Gareth Clayton, 78; Sir John Coles, diplomat, 55: Sir Lincoln Halliman, barnister and magistrate, 70; M Eugène Ionesco, author, 80; Sir Amhony Jacobs, former chairman, BSM, 60: the Rev Papirick Johns, head 61; the Rev Patricia Johns, headmistress, St Mary's School, Wantage, 59; Mr Kenneth Kemp, former chairman. Smith and Nephew, 71; Miss Joan Lestor, MP. 61; Sir Arnold Lindley. former chairman, GEC. 90; Ma-jor-General J.D. Lunt, 75; Mr burgh. 1850. John B. McGuckian, chairman, Ulster Television, 53; Mr Basil C. Morson, correct pathologist, 71; Admiral Sir William O'Brien, 76;

Musicians' Company

The following have been installed officers of the Musicians' Company for the ensuing year:

Sir Donald Thompson, MP, 61.

BIRTHS: St Augustine of Hippo. Tagaste, Numidia (modern Tunisia), 354: King Edward III, reigned 1327-77, Windsor, 1312: Manrice of Nassan, Prince of Overnet, military, leader Orange, military leader, Dillemberg, Germany, 1567; Wil-Ham Shenstone, poet and landscape gardener, Halesowen, Worcestershire, 1714; Sir John Moore, general, Glasgow, 1761: Charles Frederick Worth, fashion designer, Bourn, Lincolnshire. 1825; James Clerk Maxwell, physicist, Edinburgh, 1831; Robert Louis Stevenson, novelist, Edin-

DEATHS: Nell Gwyn, actress and mistress of King Charles II. London, 1687; William Etty, painter, York, 1849; Arthur Hugh Clough, poet, Florence, 1861; Gioacchina Rossini, composer, Passy. France, 1868; Camille Pissarro, painter. Paris, 1903; Francis Thompson, poet, London 1907; Vittorio de Sica, film director, Paris, 1974.

Bloody Sunday in Trafalgar Square, London, when over 100 people were injured during demonstrations by Radicals and

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DEATHS 81.AIR - On November 11th
1992, pencefully at home.
Anna Fullarium (née
Mackiatosh) aged 38 yeurs,
beloved wife of the late John
and a much loved mother
and grandmother. Puneral
private. A Service of
Remembrance will be held in
Ulherm Kirk on Sabaday SEE - On November 11th.
peacefully.
Simpson, beloved husband of
Vera (Bucky), alther of
Penny. Wendy, Peter.
Prusella, Robyn and
Jennifer and much loved
grandfather. Private Easily
funeral at his request.
NEE - On November 11th. LOMFIELD - On November funeral at his request.

IVES - On November 11th,
peacefully in Alresford,
Arthur Christopher, and 89
years. Dear father of Tony
and Maryaret and much
loved grandfather of Sarah.

Puneral Service at Alresford
Parish Church on
Wednesday November 18th
at 12.30 pm. Family flowers
only, dougloss if desired to
Countees of Brecknock
Hospice c/o John Steel &
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SCHARMA - Mrs Prem. 57. On BRADLEY

By Philip Howard

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b. Sweet cous-cous

MACEDOINE

a. A violent war dance

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Answers on page 21

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RHANNA - Mrs Prem. 57. On

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LE CLERC FOWLE - On
November 7th 1952.
peacefully in bospital.
Kathleen Sylvestre Fowle
(Anna), widow of Brigadier
J. Le Clerc Fowle (Chink), At
her request no flowers or
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Institution. Funeral to be a. Having feline claws b. A mistake or mixed metaphor c. State of rich as Crocsus c. Someone who has memorised the Koran PLAYER - On November 8th b. A male skirt, the Greek c. A mixture of fruit or Nicholas, Charlotte and Sagn.
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SELBY On Monday November 9th 1992, suddenty. Sir Kenneth Selby Kl. Bach. Byed 78 years, beloved husband of Judy, dear father of David and Stashen and grandinther of Belinda. Thundry. William and Edward. Funeral Service at St Mery the Virgin, Bathwick, Bath. on Wednesday November 18th at 11.30 am. Family and riends only. no flovers but donations please to: Choical Society of Bath. Royal United Hospital Bath. to G. Mannings and Sona I.M., Curbe Davin. Bath. Memorial Service to be amounced at a laker date. TAYLOR-On November 12th. Manjorie Lawrence aged 84 years (not House, South Gamengan, wife of the late A. Brian Taylor M.D., F.R.C.P. of Edghaston. Birmingham. Mother of Sosan and Richard, grandmother of Justine, Angus, Carin and Brian, Funeral private at her request. No flowers desired to Mr. In TAYLOR - On Non

request. No flowers, donations if desired to Mr Ian Moneypenity. Breast Capter Research Fund, Breast Capter Research Fund, Breast Read, Wales. 18 Cathedral Read, Cardiff. Enguiries to A.G. Adams, Barry. tel: (0446) 755400. TAYLOR - Cn November 11th, Alice Mary, widow of Bill Taylor, formerly of Calculta and mother of lan and grandmother of Hugh and James, Funeral Service at Californ's Crematorium, Amerikam, on Wednesday November 19th at 5 pm. No flowers, denations it desired to The Stroke Association, C.H.S.A. House, Whitecross Street, London ECIY 2.1. WARD - Tamer (Dell or Jo),
of Africton, peacefully on
Sunday November 8th 1992,
aged 94 years. Funeral at
Affricton Parish Church on
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2 pm. No flowers. Donations
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(0323) 893889.

NYNN - On November 11th
1992, suddenly at Yeavil.
Philip W. Wynn, in his 77th
year. Beloved husband of Philip W. Wymn, to has your. Beloved husband of Peggy. Funeral to be held at Yeovil Crumsterium at 12.30 pm on Wednesday November 18th, to Wednesday November 18th, to the Purply

Cimignano.
Delived mother of André, fortified with the Hely Sacraments of the Church, fortified with the Hely Sacraments of the Church, after a long liftness, has died peacefully at the age of 82 on 10 Sephanber, 1992, at 8. Maria della Scala Hospital in Siega, and in accordance with her wishes in buried in 8. Girnignano. Holy Mass for the repose of her soul shall be said at the Church of Our Moot Holy Redeemer and St. Thomas More. Charge Row. Chaisea. London Sw5, on Thurden, 19 November, at 6.30 pm. Holy Mass in Polish shall be said at the Church of St. John. Ravenna Road. Putney, London. Sw15, on Thurdey, and Thurdey, London. Sw15, on Thurdey, London. Sw15,

FOURNMER - A Memorial Service for B.M. (Bill) Fournier will be held at St George's Catholic Cathedral. St George's Road, Lambeth, on Thesday November 17th 1992 at 4.30 pm. All who wish to attend will be welcome. welcome.

PIENCY - A Memorial Service for Harold Piercy will be beld at St Marry's Church, Windsor, Berishire, on Saturday 28th November at 11 am.

IN MEMORIAM -

FOSEL - Brigadier Frank Vogel O.B.E. of A.F.H.Q., beloved husband of Jukis Jean, drowned at sea 80 years ago Friday 13th November 1942 in a flying accident returning from Moret Advis Marine from Moret Advis Marine from accident returning from North Africa. "Many waters cannot quench love". **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

ORSCHANER - Erica, on October 24th. Dr. Otto Folschaner and family statementy wish to thank all relatives. friends and neighbours for their beartiest sages of sympathy tved on their sad loss of Eriko. LEGAL NOTICES

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November 1992 at 11.30 am for the purpose mentioned in sec-tions 99, 100 and 101 of the sid Act. Any information required by the Creditors concerning the Company's ethers may be obtained from GM. Jones of Mor-ison Standard. BOS Salabury House. 31 Finebury Circus. London EC284 55Q, being a per-son quasified to act as an insoftware/ Practitioner. By Order of the Board 10 November 1992 John A.R. Davine. Director. A.R. Dirling, Director. MG/NRX LEGITED

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Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Gretton KCB, DSO and two Bars, OBE, DSC, who died at his Oxford home on Remembrance Day aged 80, was a leading wartime convoy escort commander who subsequently rose to become a Lord Commissioner of the Admiralty. Deputy Chief of Naval Staff and Fifth Sea Lord, 1962-63. In retirement he was domestic bursar, University College, Oxford, 1965-71, and senior research fellow, 1971-79. He was born on August 27,

ALONG with his great contemporary. Captain F. J. Walker (who died tragically of a heart attack in 1944) Peter Gretton is one of the imperishable names among the dedicated band of convoy escort commanders who defeated the U-boat packs and won the Battle of the Atlantic in the second world war. It was Gretton who, as commander of B7 escort group, conducted the critical seven-day battle around the outward con-voy ONS5 in April-May 1943 when it was beset by four enemy groups, totalling some 50 U-boats, between Iceland and Greenland. The weather was atrocious; icebergs and pack ice were a constant hazard; storm succeeded storm as the convoy groped its way eastwards into the dreaded Greenland "air gap", where no air cover could be expected. Visibility was down to almost zero, making it extremely difficult for the escort group to find the merchantmen.

In these less than ideal conditions for submarine operations Admiral Doenitz had managed to position over 30 of his U-boats right in the path of the convoy while another dozen lay in wait further ahead. A slaughter, harking back to the dark days of the ill-starred Arctic convoy PQ17 the summer before, might well have been in prospect, but for B7. Gretton's group, which comprised two destroyers, one frigate, four corvettes and two rescue trawlers was. thanks to his rigorous training, one of the best prepared in the Atlantic. As the enemy closed in, 13 of ONS5's 39 merchant ships were sunk, but this was only achieved at a cost in Uboat casualties that Doenitz could not sustain. Attack and counter-attack followed in relentless succession and though shortage of fuel caused Gretton's own ship, HMS Duncan, to leave the battle at its height, his lieutenants continued to execute his painstaking game plan of search and destroy with deadly effect.

sent out from St John's. Newfound-

land, eight U-boats were sunk and many others seriously damaged. During the passage of the next eastward convoy escorted by Gretton's group none of the 38 merchant ships was lost and five Uboats were sunk. On May 22 Doenitz finally called off the campaign. having suffered the loss of 31 U-boats since the beginning of the month. The crisis had been surmounted and the U-boats were never again to threaten Britain's vital supply lines.

But he also early understood — as so many did not - that even courage and endurance were no substitute for the intelligent use of modern technology.

Peter William Gretton was educated at the Dartmouth and Greenwich Royal Naval colleges. In the examinations for the rank of lieutenant he gained first-class certificates in all five subjects. However, most unusually at a time when specialisation was regarded as the golden road to promotion, he chose to remain a "salt horse" - i.e. non-specialist seaman -

In the years leading up to the outbreak of war his career was a mixture of the colourful and — for him - the tedious. He had exciting moments during the Arab rebellion in Palestine in 1936 when he led a mixed party of sailors and stokers ashore at Haifa to help the police keep order in the souk there. This earned him the DSC. But a less exciting appointment followed, that of sports and seamanship officer of the boys' training establishment at Devonport, HMS Impregnable. He next had a spell on the training staff

at Dartmouth.

His one nod in the direction of specialisation, however, was to be decisive. In the spring of 1939 he took a week's course in anti-subma-rine warfare at HMS Osprey at Portsmouth. Slender though this introduction to the painstaking art of A/S tactics was, it was to stand him in

good stead in what followed. His apprenticeship in convoy work began on the east coast soon after the outbreak of war. In April 1940 he was appointed First Lieutenant of Captain Philip Vian's famous de-stroyer Cossack. In this ship he took part in the Second Battle of Narvik when all the survivors of the ten large German destroyers which had reached the port in the first invasion moves against Norway were sunk by the battleship Warspite and her destroyer escort. Gretton was mentioned in dispatches for his part in the

Early in 1941 Gretton got his first command - the destroyer Sabre - and from then until 1944 he was deeply involved in the Atlantic battle. He also had an active interlude escorting the famous Malta convoy of August 1942. While commanding the destroyer Wolverine, he spotted an Italian submarine on the surface recharging its batteries, rammed it and sank it. For this he was awarded the first of his three DSOs. In the autumn of that year Gretton graduatnot measure up to his own standards. ed to command of his own group -

just in time to join in the decisive battles in the Atlantic

Gretton was promoted captain in 1948 at the early age of 36. After various sea-going commands (in-cluding command of the naval task group for the Christmas Island atomic bomb tests) and shore appointments, he served as senior naval member of the directing staff at the Imperial Defence College. 1958-60. and was in command of the Sea Training Squadron, based on Portland, in 1900-61. He next joined the Board of Admiraly as Deputy Chief of Naval Staff and Fifth Sea Lord. But the strain of his arduous and prolonged war service had taken toll of his health and in 1963 he retired from the naw.

After a restful year, 1964, Grenon was appointed domestic bursar of University College, Oxford, where he quickly adapted himself to the academic world and soon became wellknown and well-liked. However, his health was still not robust and in 1971 he resigned the bursarship and was elected into a research fellowship at the same college.

Grenton wrote several books including an account of his war service. Convoy Escort Commander (1964); a review of British detence problems in the twentieth century, Maritime Strategy (1965): and a study of Churchill as First Lord of the Admiralty, Former Naval Person (1969). He also wrote in the journal of the Royal United Services Institution.

In particular, as a man who had operated the close escort system at first hand Gretton deplored what appeared to be a shift of interest in naval staff thinking away from the convoy and towards the theory of "defended lanes". In a letter to The Times in July 1981 he reminded the then defence secretary, John Non, that the abandonment of convoys and the espousal of just such a "defended lane" system by John Jellicoe in the first world war had been within a whisker of bringing Britain to her knees in 1917. Gretton challenged the defence minister to make dear what would be Nato policy for the supply and reinforcement of Britain in the event of another war. This sparked off a lively debate during which it became clear that what had been thought of as a novel idea was, in fact, a harking back to practices which had been totally discredited 64 years earlier.

In 1943 Gretton married Nancy, daughter of James du Vivier of Belgium. She survives him with their three sons and one daughter.

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Chack Connors Hollywood specialist in tough guy roles and star of the long running TV series The Rifleman, died of lung cancer in a Los Angeles hospital on November 10 aged 71. He was born in Brooklyn on April 10, 1921.

ANOTHER cowboy actor by the name of Ronald Reagan was a good friend of Chuck Connors. So was former President Richard Nixon. Perhaps this was why Connors was allowed to get away with a gross breach of the US arms embargo in 1973 when he presented a pair of .45 Colt six-shooters to Leonid Brezhnev. together with a cowboy hat. The Soviet leader, it transpired, was an avid fan of westerns. The two men embraced with such a fervour that Connors briefly lifted Brezhnev off his feet.

Connors, who stood six feet five inches tall, had begun life as a professional athlete, first as a basketball player for the Boston Celtics, and then switching to baseball with the Brooklyn Dodgers and the Chicago Cubs. Neither career was a great success in spite of that height advantage. Connors became better known for his clowning, turning cart-wheels while rounding the bases on a home run, than for his athletic prowess. The Cubs sent him to Los Angeles to play with a minor league team, and it was there that he turned to acting in 1952.

With his impressive physique and masculine good looks, Connors was a natural for rugged acting parts. His big break came in 1958 when he was chosen to play the title role in The Rifleman, as a homesteader and single father who disposed of numerous frontier villains with his trusty Winchester. Filmed in the heyday of television Westerns. the series ran until 1963 and put Connors's career on a firm



Up he goes: Connors's greeting to Brezhnev in 1973 sweeps the Soviet leader off his feet.

footing. Although he never achieved outright stardom on the big screen he was seldom out of work, and ultimately appeared in some 45 movies, starting with Pat and Mike which starred Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn, and numerous television series. He was nominated for an Emmy Award for his portrayal of a slave owner in Roots.

A long-time supporter of Republican and conservative causes, who once marched in a New York City parade to support the Vietnam War. Connors contemplated entering politics himself. He decided against it, he said, "because from being around so many politicians, I became a little cynical about politicians in general.

Chuck Connors, who was married and divorced three times, is survived by four sons.

Karl Deutsch

KARL Deutsch, 80, author and former director of the International Institute of Comparative Research in Berlin died at his home in

Cambridge. Massachusens. on November 8 aged 80. Deutsch, who was born in Prague. wrote Nationalism and Its Alternatives and Politics and Government: How People Decide Their Fate.

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B.B.C. TELEVISION PLANS

The B.B.C. plans for the broadcasting of high-definition television were outlined by Mr. Gerald Cock. Director of Television. yesterday in greater detail than has been possible previously. Although he emphasised that no date can be definitely fixed yet, it is probable that tests at the television broadcasting station in Alexandra Palace will begin in February. But he uttered a warning that owing to the experimental nature of the undertaking the tests will occupy several weeks, possibly months, and that not until they yield satisfactory results will trans-

missions to the public begin. At present, the section of the palace set apart for the new station is in the hands of builders and engineers and everything is in an unfinished state. But the plans of the general layout have been finally decided upon. The interior of the tower has been almost stripped. and here four floors will be constructed to accommodate offices, artists' rooms, &c. The ground floor of the station will be mainly occupied by the transmitters. Baird Television Limited being responsible for one and Electric and Musical Industries Limited for the other. As the systems of transmission differ each will require its own studio, which will be

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In this report Gerald Cock (1837-1973), first Director of BBC Television, outlined his plans. Thousands applied to become an-nouncers. Leslie Mitchell, well-known on British Movietone News, was chosen with

Jasmine Bligh and Elizabeth Cowell constructed on the first floor, where there will also be various ante-rooms and a band room, for it is intended to have a special television orchestra of 20 players.

Mr. Cock proposes that there shall be three broadcasts daily on six days a week, one in the afternoon for the convenience largely of women, the second about 6.15 pm for men leaving business, and the last in the late evening. The idea behind the afternoon and early-evening broadcasts is that they shall be seen in public viewing rooms and thus enable anybody interested to see, without charge, what television is. The B.B.C, is already

looking for a building in the West End of London in which to open a properly equipped viewing room, and it is expected that many others will eventually be opened in stores and shops. Regarding programmes, Mr. Cock could not at the moment do more than give

general ideas. In its television branch, the B.B.C. will raise a ban which has existed for a long time in sound broadcasting, for of the two an-nouncers to be appointed one will be a woman. Mr. Cock said the successful candigate must have so many qualities-charm. tact, voice, personality, appearance, and an exceptional memory (for everything spoken would have to be memorized)-that he almost despaired of finding anyone who possessed them all, but he was hopeful.

Mr. Cock asked for patient forbearance in this maner of television broadcasting. The whole subject bristled with difficulties, for there was little or no experience to serve as a guide under the new conditions. The problem was further complicated by the necessity of employing two different transmission sys-tems, both of which demanded separate studio technique. Both systems, it may be added, will be receivable on the same apparatus, which may be adapted for either by the movement of a switch.



MOTORING

How speed-trap sneaks escape

at the radar-trap
detector, which is
legal to own, but
illegal to use

lenched teeth and white knuckles gripping the steering wheel betray the fact that motorists flashing down the motorway at 90mph know they are breaking the law. But for many, speeding becomes a crime only when they are caught, as the hapless discover when the approach of the flashing blue light ends with a court appearance, a fine or even a ban.

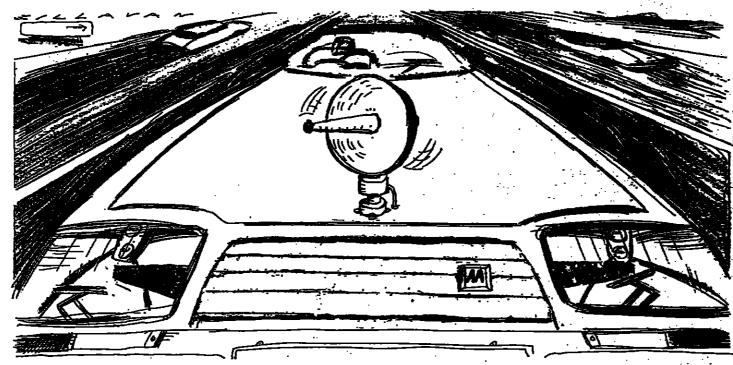
For the crafty few, a small electronic box of tricks allows them to charge around Britain at any speed they like, enjoying a cushion of protection from being caught.

They are owners of dashboard-

They are owners of dashboard-mounted radar detectors which give a few vital seconds warning before crossing a police radar trap. What they are doing is illegal but—as demonstrated in the recent Dianagate tapes row—there is a loophole big enough for any driver to swerve through.

to swerve through.

Use of radar detectors is an offence under the Wireless and Telegraphy Act of 1949, the same Act that was applied to the case of the retired bank manager who recorded a telephone conversation.



allegedly between Princess Diana and a male friend. Owning the complex scanning equipment is not an offence under the Act, but using it is. Motorists are at liberty to buy a radar detector, install it in their car and show it to their friends. If they use it for the purpose for which it was intended, however, they are committing an offence. Yet what other reason could there be for owning a radar detector?

Alun Jenkins, who owns Radar

Electronics, in Seaford, East Sussex, says that using a radar detector helps drivers to keep their speed down because it acts as a warning. That is the radar-detector industry's usual defence

Have they not heard of the speedometer? Why is it necessary to spend up to £200 on a black box to tell you what the speedometer will be highlighting quite happily?

However, the demand for detectors is spreading. John Stones, the

managing director of JMS International in Clwyd, Wales, says that much of the interest is from company car fleet buyers whose drivers need to keep their licences to keep their livelihoods.

One company is said to have circulated a letter to its 650 employees on the road, offering to provide a radar detector, with a provisor if they are prosecuted for using it, the driver carries the carr. If that does not illustrate a remark-

able double standard, what does?

Speeding is a contentious issue.

Everyone is against it publicly, yet there is no evidence of a lead coming from any section of the motor industry and its service businesses.

Cars grow ever more powerful and although manufacturers say they are concerned, they pay lip service to the issue. This week, Volkswagen was criticised by the Advertising Standards Authority

for advertising its 140mph Audi
Coupe with a picture of the car
dashing through countryside and
captioned. "When I tap the dashboard take the next corner at
90mph". Toyota was also criticised
for saying its MR2 GT was a sports
car that will "shoot past you".

The AA's own driving instructors

The AA's own driving instructors say driving too fast is the biggest motoring sin in Britain today. Few drivers understand the consequences of driving too fast, and not just on motorways. Government figures show that a pedestrian hit by a car at 20mph has a reasonable chance of survival but at 30mph the chance falls to 50 per cent. At 40mph, the chance of surviving the

impact are almost ril.

Cambridgeshire police have said they will prosecute drivers with radar detectors but they will have to catch them first, an unlikely event. The simple answer, which would anger the freedom lobby but end confusion and the temptation, is to han detectors. Kenneth Clarke, the Home Secretary, seems unlikely to take that seep. Meanwhile, some of the press have shown the way. The Times and Fleet News, the newspaper for the fleet industry publication, are refusing advertisements for radar detectors, even when they carry disclaimers saying they do not encourage speeding and warning of the 1949 Wireless and Telegra-

phy Act.
No such lead has been shown by
the motor industry. The British
International Motor Show catalogue last month carried nine advertisements for radar detectors.

Feeling lucky?

BEFORE you set off in your car today, do two things: read the date at the top of the page, then read on. National Breakdown says that last year there were 20 per cent more calls from motorists who had broken down on Friday, December 13, than on any other Friday than morth. There were also 60 per cent more calls to the homes of motorists, double the number of flat batteries and 25 per cent more electrical faults. I would go back to bed if I were you.

Women alone

A SURVEY conducted for the RAC showed that one in three men worty about wives, girl friends and relatives driving alone at night on motorways. Of the 400 men questioned, nine out of ten backed the idea of training for women to tell them what to do in a breakdown or emergency.

Renault success

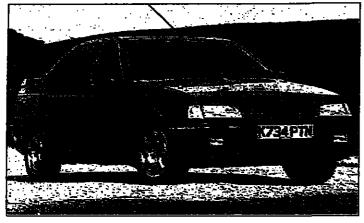
RENAULT was four prizes in the annual Autocar & Motor awards this week. The Twingo mini-car won design of the year, best concept was the Renault Zoom, while the company also won best large manufacturer and best motorsport titles. Rover was best mid-sized manufacturer, TVR best small company and Ford won the technical innovation prize for its new two-stroke engine.

Cheaper parts

PEUGEOT and BMW have announced initiatives on supplying parts to dealers. Peugeot guarantees that spares will be delivered overnight or the customer will get the part free of charge. BMW is fixing parts prices for cars owned by 150,000 drivers in Britain, reducing the cost of a battery by £16 and an exhaust for a 730i by £82.

Eastern promise

I have RELIANT is deserting Peckham in that it search of potential Del Boyskis in ites an Moscow. The company, which is negotiating to supply components for a new small car to Russia, has been showing off its Scimitar sports car in the city — a marketplace awash with entrepreneurs. The Russians are attracted by the car's nippy performance and low price.



Unsung success: 70 per cent of 405s go to the Continent

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Continent.

Newcomers to the car will find it difficult to spot the old from the latest versions. The body styling remains almost the same but there are more than 2,000 new components. The 405 always had an outstanding chassis: now it gets five new and more competitive engines and a number of trim improve-

ments. Prices range from £9,995 to £16,995 for the high-performance Mil6.

The smaller petrol-engined cars

the 1.4-litre and a 1.6-litre—are
competent and smooth but fairly
dull; good workhorses and definite
competitors in their class.

The engine to go for, however, is

The engine to go for, however, is the new 1.9-litre turbo-charged diesel. Peugeot's reputation as a manufacturer of diesel engines is undiminished by this engine, which drives as well as any petrol rival. The price of £13,790 includes such features as electric tilt and slide sunroof, alarm and immobiliser and security-coded radio as well as one welcome addition: a separate stalk on the steering column which controls the radio whime and channel changing to avoid head-ducking and weaving beneath the dashboard to find the

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The virtues that made the 405

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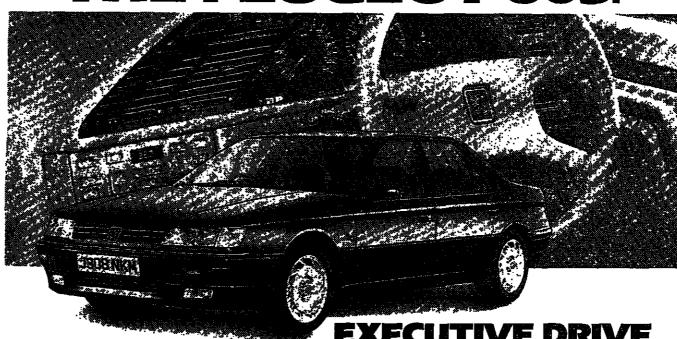
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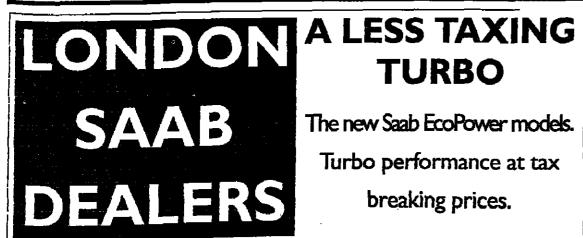
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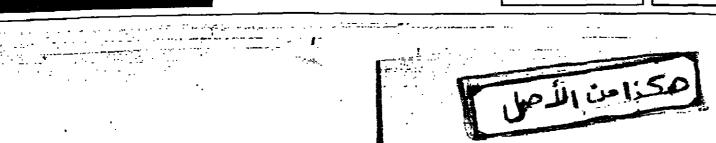
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NEWS

Lamont package lifts Tory morale

Conservative morale was hoisted by Norman Lamont yesterday who offered a £4 billion recovery package which gave special help for the car and housing industries and knocked I per cent off interest rates.

■ The Chancellor's Autumn Statement was hailed by senior Tory MPs last night and praised by industry, but Labour and the unions attacked it for making lower-paid workers the scapegoats for economic failures Pages 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 25

Law officer denies Iraq cover-up

■ The attorney-general, Sir Nicholas Lyell QC, says in a letter to The Times today that he and counsel had advised ministers, in the Matrix Churchill case, that the law required them to claim public immunity on behalf of the Crown. There was noPages 1, 9, 19 cover-up...

Carey plea

The Archbishop of Canterbury. Dr George Carey, has urged all members of the Church of England to "avoid hasty or ill-considered judgments" in their consideration of the General Synod's decision to ordain women. Anger and dismay were understandable but were not helpful emotions Page 8

Peking charges

Soon after the Honk Kong legislative council voted yesterday to support Chris Patten's plans for constitutional reform, China accused Britain of applying pressure in the debate, deliberately undermining the colony's stability and prosperity and of sabotaging a smooth transition to Peking control Page 15

Yeltsin battle

President Yeltsin is engaged in open competition with his hardline opponents for the loyalty of Russia's armed forces and security apparatus. Each side has accused the other of preparing to suppress democracy...... Page 14

Farmers' boost

Farmers will get better returns for their produce from January, boosting incomes more than enough to offset losses arising out of EC reforms: but consumers will have to pay higher prices as a result...Page 11

Death appeal

The parents of a Hillsborough victim appealed to the High Court yesterday to allow their

son, Anthony Bland, to die with dignity by pemitting doctors to turn off his feeding system. He has been in a coma for 312

Contempt fines

Two journalists and the publishers of the Mail on Sunday were fined a total of £60,000 yesterday for contempt of court in publishing details of the secret deliberations of the Blue Arrow fraud trial jury....

Portland closes

The closure, by April 1996, of Portland naval base in Dorset will involve the loss of more than 1,000 jobs, the government confirmed yesterday Page 7

Drinks appeals fail

The High Court has rejected test case appeals which had sought to invalidate up to 200,000 drink driving convictions because of defective wording on the standard charge sheet used over the past 20 yearsPage 11

British spending

The British consumer is spending more on home improvements, less on food and clothing and is saving more, according to government statistics out Page 12

Legal aid trap

The Consumers' Association revealed yesterday that nearly half the population was too wealthy to qualify for legal aid yet could not afford the costs of going to

New curse for women smokers

Smoking, according to researchers at the University of Bristol, has a directly harmful effect on a woman's fertility. Scientists in the university's department of obstetrics and gynaecology say in a report in the medical journal, The Lancet, that to increase chances of conception infertile women should give up or, at least, reduce cigarette consumption............ Page 10



Lighting the way: Andy Tarr from Cotgrave colliery, one of 10 pits under 90-day review, carries a petition to Downing Street

Jobs gloom: Unemployment rose by 24,000 last month to its highest level for 512 years. It was the thirtieth successive monthly increase. The rate of increase of earnings fell, however, from 5.75 per cent in August to 5.5 per cent Page 25

Devaluation aid: The weakening pound helped the Royal Dutch/Shell Group of companies during the third quarter. A boost of £196 million took Shell's net income up 38 per cent to £783 ... Page 26

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index closed up 29.6 at 2726.4. The pound closed down against the dollar 0.4 cents to \$1.5205 and 0.53 pfennigs to DM2.4126 ... Page 31

SPORT -

Football: England may have double the task they expected when they host the 1996 European championship. Uefa, the game's European governing body, yesterday recommended that the tournament, which was to have involved only eight countries as in Sweden last summer, should include 16 _ Page 48 countries

Cricket: South Africa play their first home Test match for 23 years when they meet India in Durban today, and will go into the game as inal iavourites. For the firs time in Test history a third umpire will be seated in front of a television monitor in the pavilion to arbitrate on difficult stumping, run-out and hit-wicket decisions............ Page 46



Basque Country: With fewer murders by ETA recently, most Basques now hope that the end of terrorism is in sight Page 34 New investment: Large sums have been spent on roads, railways and

more competitive to foreign . Page 35 Good eating: The Basques have a beautiful coastline with little fishing villages, and since they take their food seriously, there are good

ports to make the Basque Country

restaurants too Page 38 Custure: The sculptor Eduardo Chillida talks of his enthusiasm for the sea, and explains his feeling of being both Basque and a citizen of . Page 40

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face charges concern

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to flee East Germany

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Genius or jester: Tough and some say slightly mad, the postmaster's son who helped Bill Clinton to win the White House...... Page 17 Children's rights: Alice Thomson

reports on the increasingly polarised debate over the right of children to take their parents to court_ .Page 16

Dad's Rescue Army: Old soldiers

who are setting out from Britain to take supplies to the embattled people of Bosnia _ Page 17

Ann Widdecombe,

Church of England

warned that droves

women priests,

would follow her

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because of the vote on

Hunted hunting: Kevin Eason looks at the radar trap detector which it is legal for a driver to own,

Norway's finest: The National Gallery's exhibition of Edvard Munch's art centres on his powerful Frieze of Life paintings. Richard Cork writes about "Munch's tormented cast of unrequited lovers, virgins and whores" ____ Page 41

new Digital Compact Cassette; Sony is about to launch a rival, the MiniDisc. Who needs all these new formats: the consumers or the companies Page 43

Victorian values: Oscar Wilde's An but is illegal to use Page 22 | strangely familiar chord Page 43

heritage ___

Hi-fi wars: Philips has launched its

Ideal Husband attacked the hypocritical standards of public figures in his day. Sir Peter Hall's new West End production strikes a



Tony Underwood player's position to join his brother, Rory, in the England rugby team to play the Springboks tomorrow

Paintul search

A new series of Short Stories documentaries (C4) begins with the noignant story of a mother's search for the remains of her daughter murdered in February 1988... Page 47

A better day

Conservative MPs waved their order papers yesterday with more genuine relief than at any time since Black Wednesday. Norman Lamont did not do everything they asked for. But he ... convinced them that there was finally a new policy in place of the old .. Page 19

Enemy of the good

Experience must now triumph over hope in Cambodia. The Khmer Rouge are kicking down the house the UN is trying to construct. Persuasion has had its day . . . the UN must respond forcefully.... Page 19 P

Literary disinheritance

The teaching of English ... has become a battleground for social engineers and axtegrinders ... No child should leave school without a knowledge of his own literary

BEN MACINTYRE

Of all the confusions and contradictions in the history of black America, no figure is more emotive ... than the mysterious Malcolm

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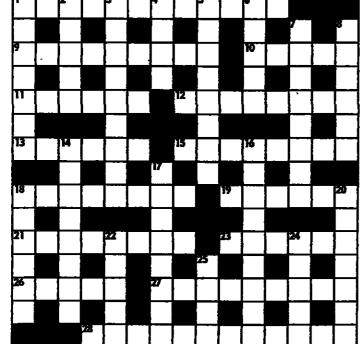
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In the continuing trade dispute, the French are merely being French. holding up hundreds of billions of dollars in world trade for the sake of a few thousand tons of oil seeds. - The Wall Street Journal

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- 1 Film actress enjoying brief but exalted career? (8,4).
- 9 Rose in a gentle movement (9). 10 Listen for a wild beast in the forest (5).
- 11 Odd for the French to do damage
- 12 Even for poets, there's great trouble about youth (8).

 13 Stand still, say — maybe in relief
- 15 Shelters moorland creature (8). 18 Unanimous about name given to a child (2,3,3).
- 19 Warders give small portions of tobacco (6).
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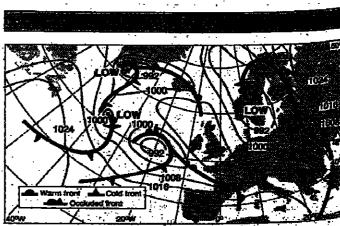
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Where there's Munch there's a scream of mania



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Reading between the Basque country battle lines



Jobless

highest

for over

5 years

By Phillip Bassett

UNEMPLOYMENT rose by

a further 24,000 last month to

its highest level for five and a

half years. It was the 30th

since numbers out of work

started to rise again at the start

The government said mea-

sures announced in the Au-

tumn Statement would help

the unemployed; Labour,

however, said unemployment would probably top 3 million in the coming months as redundancies already an-

nounced started to feed into

the figures.
A slow decline in the rate of

increase of average earnings provided the only positive

indications from the employ-

ment figures. Earnings are

rising at an annual rate of 5.5

per cent, compared with 5.75

loyment — generally taken to

be the best indicator — rose by

24,200 in October to 2.868

million, representing 10.1 per cent of the workforce. The

figure is the highest since May 1987, when it stood at 2.873

million, and 1.272 million

higher than when unemploy

ment started to rise in April

City economists were expect-

ing a higher increase. Govern-

ment officials acknowledge,

however, that many more job

losses - such as those in the

coal industry - have yet to show up in the figures. Esti-

mates of monthly increases over the next few months of

30,000 to 35,000 are not

Michael Forsyth, the em-

ployment minister, said: "You

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Burton directors are growing more confident despite the recession. The group has returned to profit Page 26

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promotions have helped profits at Boots, the retailer, to march on in the latest half Page 27

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Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Sociely raised its mortgage rate 0.24 per cent. blaming the competition from the National Savings bond. In the first eight

Economists disappointed by Chancellor's package

By Colin Narbrough and Lindsay Cook

THE full-point cut to 7 per cent in base rates announced by the Chancellor yesterday took rates to their lowest since 1978. Abbey National, the second largest mortgage lender, swiftly cut its mortgage rate by 0.75 points, giving a base mortgage rate of 8.5 per cent on loans up to £60,000. Mortgage rates have now fallen a full three percentage points this way. this year. Other mortgage lenders are expected to fall into line. National & Provincial and Newcastle building societ-ies have already cut to 8.5 per

cent for new borrowers. The rate cut and the growthpromoting measures in the Chancellor's Autumn Statement left City economists disappointed, however.

On the stock market, the FT-SE 100 index of leading shares had risen by 34.4 points in anticipation before the Chancellor stood up but ended up 29.6, at 2,726.4. Tresor Laughame, equity market strategist at Kleinwort Benson Securities, said he was pleasantly surprised by the specifi and forecast that the FLSE index would breach the 2,800 mark in the next trading account. Others were more

market had been hoping for, helped to avoid any adverse reaction on the foreign exchange markets. Before the measures were announced, sterling eased back against both the mark and the dollar, falling 0.1 on its trade-weighted index to 77.8 at the 4pm official close, matching its than half a pfennig down at DM 2.4126. The pound lended less than half a cent lower at \$1.5205 in London, but edged slightly higher on a a

broad front in late trading and in New York. The much awaited forecast for the public sector borrowing requirement (PSBR) matched the upper end of City forecasts, but the gilt-edged market, which has been coping easily with the large volume of government issues, appeared

POUND SLIDES

unworried for the moment, sumer spending.

BASE RATES HALVED SINCE ERM ENTRY

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By LINDSAY COOK

MONEY EDITOR

ALL National Savings fixed-interest ac-counts were withdrawn last night after

the base rate cut. All except the FIRST

Option Bond will be reintroduced over

the next month. Variable rate accounts

The bond, launched in July, was in

direct competition with building societ

ies as it was the first National Savings

product to be developed for basic rate

taxpayers. It originally paid a guaranteed 7.75 per cent over one year after basic

Within two weeks of the lannch, the

are also being reduced.

rate tax was deducted.

easing only marginally Mr Lamont said the PSBR for the current fiscal year would be £37 billion, up £9 billion from his Budget fore-cast in March. For the 1993-4 financial year, he expects a PSBR of 7 per cent of the gross domestic product, equivalent to 644 billion. The planning total for public spending for 1992-3 was held at £244.5

Simon Briscoe, economist at Midland Montagu, said the gilts market would have no problem with the bigger PSBR. "Growth is the problem for this year. The PSBR is the problem for next."

Mr Lamont predicted that the economy would grow by 1 per cent next year, more optimistic than most City forecasts, after a fall of 1 per cent this year. He forecast that underlying annual inflation would be below 4 per cent at the end of next year. His

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The decision to hold the base rate cut to one point, announcement of an indicainstead of the two points the wine 4-8 per cent, singe for instead of the two points for, growth of the broad money had been hoping for, growth of the broad money among analysis, however. The fear is that the government, which has already published targets for inflation and the narrow money aggregate, M0, could use M4, currently running at an annual 5.1 per

lower inflation. For all the measures targeted to help investment, housing and the car industry, economists saw little in the Autumn Statement that was likely to produce a rapid recovery. The base rate cut, effective today, and the other measures were seen to offer too little to spur consumer confidence. Indeed, the severe clampdown on puba risk of political unrest and further dampening of con-

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National Savings withdraws bonds

working days, the bond had attracted

£112 million. It was replaced with a

second edition two days after the mortgage rise, with the new version paying 7.25 per cent. A later cut reduced

it to 6.5 per cent after basic rate tax on £1,000. The C&G reversed its mortgage increase immediately. The societies had a net inflow of only £81 million in the

Even more competitive was the fifth

issue of index-linked certificates paying

4.5 per cent above inflation over five

years, tax free. This worked out at 8.1 per

cent: at the current inflation rate. It will

he replaced with the sixth issue, paying

The 40th issue of fixed-interest certifi-

cates will pay 5.75 per cent tax free over

five years. Series G of Capital Bonds will

offer a gross return equal to 7.75 per

first nine months of the year.

3.25 per cent above inflation.

Gerard Lyons, chief economist at DKB, said the govern-ment should cut base rates to 5 per cent soon to give the economy a real lift given the think they will be reluctant to do so," he said. Stephen Hannah, chief economist at IBJ International, said: "I don't see anything in the Chancellor's statement that will set activity alight." Real interest rates remain high. Ernst & Young, the accountancy group, said the overall effect of Mr Lamont's measures on stimulating the econ-omy was "unlikely to be significant". Richard Law, corporate tax partner at E&Y, said the Chancellor's tax incentives were "hardly a kick-

substantial tax relief to help the housing market. Jim Birrell, chief executive of Halifax Building Society, said: "We did ask for extra help for first-time buyers through the tax relief system and we are disappointed that this has not been given. Never-theless, we welcome the additional Housing Corporation allocation." This £750 million

ment among mortgage lend-

is to buy 20,000 empty somes.

John Wright worth, idealyst at UBS Phillips & Drew, said the statement was "a complete disappointment". Mortgage rates had been available at under 8.5 per cent for three months or more and people had not rushed to buy properties, he said. The money for the Housing Corporation was equal to one week of housing pressed market

More than 40 per cent of homebuyers will not see the benefit of any 1992 cuts until next year, when their payments are adjusted under annual review echemes



Industry confidence restored, says CBI

By PATRICIA TEHAN

business in yesterday's Autumn Statement has won back the confidence of industry, according to Howard Davies, director general of the Confederation of British Industry.

He said Mr Lamont had responded to many of the CBI's suggestions. "No-one can be sure that these measures will be sufficient to bring us out of recession, but they will begin to rebuild industry's confidence in itself and in the government," Mr Davies said. However, the package was

condemned by small businesses as offering "only crumbs of comfort". Stan Mendham, chief executive of the Forum of Private Business, said: "It is regrettable that the main benefit will be to big business while small businesses are left to pick up the crumbs."

The CBI got virtually everthing it wanted from the Chancellor, although it had interest rates and a freeze in

THE Chancellor's boost for said he hoped the government would make another cut "before too long".

Peter Morgan, director gen-eral of the Institute of Directors, was disappointed that the interest rate cut was limited to 1 per cent. He had also hoped to see measures to protect firms from rises in the uniform business rate, but he described the package as very positive. He said the measures "ought to do a lot for confidence and, more particularly, for activity". The Chancellor had chosen the right strategy in limiting public sector pay and protect-ing infrastructure spending.

Sir Brian Hill, president of the Building Employers Confederation and chairman of Higgs and Hill, the builder, welcomed the package, but had reservations. He had hoped for a 2 per cent cut in interest rates, was sceptical about the forecast for 1 per cent growth in GDP next year, and had hoped to see mortgage tax relief and the aboli-

cent, and series E of Children's Bonus

Bonds will pay 7.85 per cent over the first five years. The rate on the gross paid investment account is falling from 7.25

per cent to 6.25 per cent from November

26. Income bonds are falling I per cent to

7 per cent from Boxing day. The general

extension rate on matured certificates

Andrew Longhurst, chief executive of

the Cheltenham & Gloucester said:

"National Savings has had a very

significant inflow as opposed to an

outflow from building societies in recent

months. There has been pressure from National Savings rates to keep our

savings rates up. This is now eased." The

society is paying 7.75 per cent gross on

its instant access postal account. This

will be reduced when its mortgage and

will fall to 3.75 per cent.



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Burton returns to the black amid signs of rising sales

BURTON Group set City pulses racing ahead of the Autumn Statement yesterday with a trading statement for the first ten weeks of the current financial year showing sales up 17 per cent on the same period last year.

The shares leapt on the announcement to close at 55p. up 11p. The company warned that although the increase was encouraging, "given the poor trading experienced in Sep-tember 1991 and the continuing economic uncertainty, it is not necessarily indicative of what may be achieved in the

However. Sir John Hoskyns, the chairman, said that, despite a highly volatile and difficult trading environment. he was "increasingly confident about the direction in which the group is now moving".

Pre-tax profits for the 12 months to August 29 were £9.4 million compared with a £13.4 million loss last year. A final 1p dividend makes 2p for the year, a 26 per cent cut on last year's 2.7p. Earnings per share were 0.8p (2p). The improvement was par-

FIAT, the car maker, is pre-

paring a restructuring plan

that will aim to "slim down"

the group and decentralise the

holding company. Cesare Romiti, managing director.

He did not give details what he meant by slimming the

group down.
"The restructuring of Fiat

SpA is based on two elements:

Burton is continuing its store closures and the dividend for the year is to be cut but there are increasing signs from the board of confidence over the future of the group

ticularly marked in the second half when like-for-like sales rose 15 per cent and a £2.7 million trading profit was returned compared with a loss from continuing businesses last year of £17.4 million.

The best performers within the group were Debenhams. which saw profits rise 20 per cent to £31.1 million, and the Dorothy Perkins. Top Shop and Champion chains. The Burton Menswear and Principles chains were described as "disappointing". Gross mar-gins fell by 0.8 of a percentage point in the first half and by 0.5 of a point in the second. The full-year margin was 2 per cent, down from 2.8 per

Burton's share of the market in the second half was 12.6 per cent against 11.6 per cent for the same period in 1991.

centre that is very restricted with very few men." Sn Romiti

It has been reported in Italy

that Fiat will draw up a reorganisation plan that could

include some layoffs at its

Yesterday, Fiat shares fell L37 to L4,457, but rose to

L4.670 in late trading.

Referring to the slimming

central offices in Turin.

For the full year, the market share was 12.3 per cent.

The company is continuing its programme of store closures: 44 shops were closed last year and Burton is providing for a further 88 closures during the current financial period. Last year, shop closure cost the company £4.9 million. A change in the accounting

policy on development properties resulted in a £4.2 million charge in the second half. reflecting the net funding cost of the properties prior to disposal. The change in accounting policy allowed Burton to set aside £21 million of old property provisions against future falls in property values. In total, property provisions were boosted by £31 million, well in excess of any declines in the value of the portfolio since its

vritedown last year. Burton was successful in elling a number of its development properties during the year, notably the Dartford Shopping Centre, commercial developments in Chiswick, west London, and Birming-ham and one US development. The remaining five retail developments are now 84 per cent let. However, the company admitted that it has made almost no progress in letting its remaining commer-cial and office developments.

Net debt rose from £308 million to £379 million, giving gearing of 54 per cent. Asset sales, including the sale and leaseback of the group head-quarters, yielded £114 million.

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Turning up: Burton's Sir John Hoskyns, left, and John Hoerner, chief executive

Weak pound boosts Shell

By OUR CITY STAFF

SHARES in Shell Transport and Trading rose 14p to 55 lp yesterday after the Royal Dutch/Shell Group of companies reported a rise in thirdquarter net income of 38 per cent to £783 million.

Stripping out the effects of stock changes, the group is up 58 per cent to £824 million. Shell gained £196 million from the weaker pound over the quarter. In the 1991 third quarter, when sterling rose against the American dollar. Shell suffered a £67 million loss from currencies.

Shell said exploration and production earnings rosebecause of higher crude oil and natural gas prices and better production outside America. Third-quarter earn-

ings from exploration and

production were £389 million (E316 million). However, earnings from the downstream operations in manufacturing, marine and marketing fell to £303 million from £368 million over the

quarter because of lower profit margins. Stripping out the effects of stocks, the figures rose £23 million to £340 million. But 1992's third quarter included special credits of £12 million and 1991's included a special charge of E36 million.

The chemicals division lost £40 million in the third quarter, against earnings of £12 million last time. Shell said: "These results reflect further deterioration of petrochemicals markets under weak economic conditions coupled with the effects of industry

overcapacity."
Coal lost £34 million in the quarter, including a £32 mil-lion provision for the pending sale of a coal subsidiary in America. The decline from 1991's third-quarter earnings of £13 million was caused mainly by lower coal prices and higher operating costs in America.

For the first nine months of the year, Shell made £2.217 billion of net income, up 14 per cent. Stripping out the effects of stock changes, Shell was down 6 per cent to £2.259

For the fourth quarter, Shell said oil production should rise.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Waddington enjoys fruits of four years

FOUR years of investment and last year's rationalisation programme has left John Waddington, the packaging. printing and games group, in good shape to counter a recession that is affecting all its businesses, according to Martin Buckley, chief executive.

The investment programme of the last four years has positioned us to compete successfully in today's recessionary market. The benefits of capital investment and the savings emanating from last year's cost reduction programme have produced an encouraging increase in margins." As a result, pre-tax profits in the six months to October 3 rose from £6.6 million to £7.8 million, an 18 per cent increase achieved on sales slightly lower at £108 million. All three divisions reported increases in trading profits, with specialist printing showing the biggest rise, with an 11 per cent jump to £1.8 million. Trading profits from packaging rose 4.4 per cent to 55.7 million, while games saw a 5.3 per cent increase to 62 million. The interim dividend is unchanged at 3.6p.

Plysu chief resigns

THE managing director of Plysu, a company which specialises in moulding plastic containers, has resigned over a difference of opinion over management style, according to the company's finance director. The resignation of Richard Gordon was announced yesterday in a company statement detailing the interim results for the six-month period to October 9. During the period. Plysu's pre-tax profits rose from £4.8 million to £5.8 million, and turnover increased from £35.7 million to £42.5 million. The company claimed it had maintained its leading position as suppliers of lightweight bottles to the dairy industry, a segment of the market that enjoys good demand growth despite the recession. Plysu said the results were helped by the performance of its Dutch operations. A new factory in Antwerp, Belgium, has started production and is forecast to become profitable before the end of the present financial year. The company is also planning to open a new factory in Bristol. In the interim period, earnings per share were up from 7.2p to 8.4p. The interim dividend has been raised from 1.65p to 2p.

McLeod Russel rises

McLEOD Russel, the paint, textiles and property group, has reported a 17.4 per cent increase in annual pre-tax profits to £5.2 million, despite a modest drop in the income earned by the group's £14 million cash pile. Net interest receivable fell from £1.1 million to £1 million in the year to end-September. By contrast, operating profits at McLeod Russel rose 10 per cent to £3.6 million. Turnover advanced marginally to £43.4 million. The biggest contributor to the increase in profits was the £526,000 produced by the group's fixed investments, compared with only £35,000 in the previous year. However, the increase in investment income may not be maintained as it includes a one-off dividend of £480,000 from Moray Petroleum. At the trading level, Granyte Surface Coatings, the woods stains and laquers business, reported a 26 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £1.4 million on static turnover. while Kennedy Wagstaff, a manufacturer of textile machinery, returned to profit, contributing £250,000 to pre-tax profits compared with a £251,000 loss last year. A final dividend of 3.25p, up from 3.1p, makes a total of 6p, ahead

Staveley inches ahead

FALLING interest costs brought a £100,000 increase in Staveley Industries' pre-tax profits to £9.1 million in the six months to October 3, despite a £500,000 decline in operating profits to £9.2 million. The interim dividend of the mineralsto-engineering group is held at 2.3p. Earnings per share, however, fell to 6p from 6.3p because of a rights issue in July last year. Staveley has half the British salt market through its Cerebos and Saxa brands, and the company said the minerals division had been once again very consistent. Although Staveley's British Salt subsidiary saw slightly lower profits, this was entirely brought about by delays in introducing price increases that had been caused by negotiations with the Office of Fair Trading. Brian Kent, the Staveley chairman, said there had been a variable start to the year, with a resilient performance in Britain, despite the difficult economic conditions. "The second-half performance. while underpinned by a sizable order book, will still require very careful navigation through the changing economic scene ahead," he said. The shares fell 7p to 208p.

down, one broker said: "The the slimming down, because market, probably wrongly, is nowadays every company in taking it to mean Fiat may sell the world must slim down, and the constitution of a sort of assets, bringing it extra 'brain trust', a sort of nerve

Fiat to slim operations

FROM REUTER IN TURIN

Half Year Results

Results for second quarter and half year to 30 September, 1992

	30 September . (unaudited)			tember udited)
	1992 £m	1991 £m	1992 £m	. 1991 £m
Turnover	3,258	3,290	6,531	6,632
Operating profit	491	860	1,290	1,780
Profit before exceptional charge and taxation	431	78 5	1,162	1,610
Exceptional charge	-	-	135	-
Profit before taxation	431	78 5	1,027	1,610
Taxation	144	255	389	523
Minority interests	7	9	13	15
Profit attributable to shareholders	280	521	625	1,072
Interim dividend			381	351
Earnings per share	4.5p	8.5 p	10.1 p	17.4p
Earnings per share before exceptional charge	4. 5p	8.5 g	12.3p	17.4p
Interim dividend per share (net)			6.15p	5.7p

The interim dividend will be paid on 15 February, 1993 to share-

holders on the BT register on 4 January, 1993.

The influences of the economy regulation and competition continued to be evident in these half year results. Turnover was essentially flat, although the first signs of slight improvement may have been perceptible in the second quarter. This together with firm action to control costs, has enabled a small growth in second quarter pre-lax profit and earnings per share before redundancy charges of £386 million.

However, the economic outlook remains uncertain and the tough and challenging pressures of competition and regulation continue.

The interim dividend of 6:15 pence represents an increase of 7.9 per cent; the Board believes this increase appropriately rewards shareholders whilst remaining within prudent cover levels."

Iain Vallance

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Price of platinum is set to rebound

By Colin Narbrough

EVEN noble metals can have ninth successive year of a hard time during recession, but demand for platinum, a key component of catalytic converters for cars, has proved resilient this year in the face of widespread and persistent economic weakness, according to Johnson Matthey's interim review of the industry.

The political and economic agonies of Russia and South Africa, the world's main platinum producers, have brought about a timely reduction in sales to bring global supply and demand for the metal close to balance. This lays the ground for prices to pick up when key economies start to

revive.
The Johnson Matthey report forecasts that the plati-num price will average \$370 an ounce in the current quarter and move up to \$385 in the first quarter of 1993 on the way to a possible \$400. That was Johnson Matthey's previous forecast for the end of this year. But the \$400 prognosis assumes an improvement in economic and political prospects. Platinum was fixed at \$351.25 in the London mar-

ket yesterday morning. Demand for the metal in the western world is predicted to fall by 4.1 per cent to 3.86 million ounces, primarily ow-ing to lower demand for investment purposes. But noninvestment demand is heading for a rise of 0.4 per cent, its

growth. As emission controls tighten in many countries, especially in the European Community, the motor industry is expected to boost demand for platinum by 95,000 ounces to 1.655 million ounces. From this quarter. virtually all petrol-driven cars in the Community will be equipped with catalysts to meet emission limits that

come into force next January. Platinum supplies are expected to drop by 6.5 per cent to 3.89 million ounces, mainly reflecting a 30 per cent drop to 750,000 ounces in Russian sales, which have now reverted to levels seen in 1990. Russian selling to the West has this year become far more judicious than its Soviet predecessors, the report notes.

Although the political situation remains volatile, and industrial action and technical problems have disrupted production, platinum supplies from South Africa are expected to rise 1.8 per cent this year to 2.82 million ounces. The world surplus is seen shrinking to 30,000 ounces, from 135,000 ounces in 1991.

Platinum consumption in Japan, by far the leading user of the metal, is likely to fall to 1.82 million ounces from more than 2 million last year, as economic slowdown lowers demand for jewellery and car

Interim profit sharply up at publishing group

BY OUR CITY STAFF

PORTSMOUTH & Sunderland Newspapers, the publishing group chaired by Sir Richard Storey, sharply increased interim profits but says trading conditions have deteriorated since the halfvear end.

Pre-tax profits for the six months to September 26 rose by 30 per cent, to £3.4 million. a performance the company described as satisfactory. The interim dividend has been increased from 2.73p to 2.84p. As a result, the secondhalf trading profit is likely to be down on last year. The Publishing revenue in the first half rose by 0 pur cent to 123.6 million but underlying toom was only 3 per cent. See any 3 per cent. See any 3 per cent.



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from newspaper publishing and retailing grew 13.5 per cont to £2.5 million.

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Nigel Lawson, the former Chancellor (left), and Tom Peters, the management guru (right), will speak on vital European issues at The Times/Dillons



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BT figures dented by cost of staff cuts

BT'S pre-tax profits tumbled 36.2 per cent, to £1.03 billion, in the half year to September 30. They were pulled down by the cost of shedding tens of thousands of jobs in one of British industry's largest redundancy programm

The cuts resulted in excep-tional redundancy charges of £442 million, with an addi-tional £133 million set against a restructuring provision es-tablished in 1990.

The number of people who left the company in the half year was 35,300, or whom 28,100 went under BT's Release 92 scheme. Another 3,000 are still to go under the

BT expects to make a net 36,000 reduction in staff numbers in the current year, taking the total down to 170,000. Another 30,000 jobs will go in the next two

The job cuts helped to reduce staff costs by 3.9 per cent in the half year and by 8.4 per cent in the second quarter. Profits were also dented by a £135 million loss on the sale of BT's 51 per cent stake in Mitel, the Canadian telecoms

quipment maker. The underlying fall in profits for the half year was 0.9 per cent, but the second quarter saw a 3.7 per cent underlying increase. Turnover fell 1.5 per cent in the half year, to £6.53 billion, but rose 1 per cent in the second quarter, to £3.26

lain Vallance, BT's chairman, said the first signs of improvement in the second

quarter had continued into the third, but he was "nervous about spotting gagen shoots one day and seeing them go

Recession continued to hurt inland call revenues, which fell 1.1 per cent to £2.53 billion, while price cuts introduced in September last year reduced international call revenues by 5.2 per cent, to £889 million.

Earnings per share fell 42 per cent, to 10.1p, though BT said the fall would have been only 2.4p without the exceptional charges.

Second-quarter profits fell 45.1 per cent, to £431 million. Earnings per share for the from 8.5p to 4.5p. Despite the fall in profits, BT is lifting the interim dividend 7.9 per cent,

from 5.7p to 6.15p.

Mr Vallance said BT continued to be restricted by economic, regulatory and compe-tition influences. He hoped the US market would open up cent stake in McCaw, the US cellular operator, to AT&T, announced last week. If the sale went ahead as planned next year, he said, AT&T, an international operator, would have access to the local US phone business.

Analysis forecast a full-year profits fall but expect a further County NatWest predicts pre-tax profits of £2.64 billion, compared with £3.1 billion in the year to March 1992, and a dividend of £5.6p (14.4p).

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Investment | Bank writes boosts water firm

By OUR CITY STAFF

A WINDFALL from a stock helped Northumbrian Water increase profits by a quarter to £39.2 million for the six months to end-September.

During the half year, the company cashed in a £49. million equity fund managed by Kleinwort Benson, which boosted its investment income. David Cranston, dinef executive, said Northumbrian Water had made £2.3 million more than if the company had invested in gilts during the past two years. The extra funds permitted the company to raise its half-year dividend 10 per cent to 7.5p. Turnover increased 26 per cent £124

Despite the rise, Mr Cranston said the company was looking for ways to reduce its capital spending to compensate for the tough terms im-posed on its pricing by Ofwat last month. Ofwat insisted that Northumbrian increase its prices 1 per cent less than the company had hoped.

Northumbrian also announced that Professor Sir Frederick Holliday, one of its non-executive directors and an environmental expert, would become chairman in July next year when Sir Michael Straker

down stake in GPA

BY NEIL BENNETT BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE Bank of Ireland has written down part of its stake in GPA Group, the aircraft leasing company, on the eve of bankers in London to discuss a financial restructuring.

Maurice Keane, deputy chief executive, announced the provision as the bank reported profits. Irish Life, Ireland's argest life insurer, also holds a substantial stake in GPA and financial analysts expect it to make a li£14 million (£12.8 million) writedown at the year end. Tony Ryan, chairman of GPA, held a 4.9 per cent stake in Bank of Ireland and had a seat on its board until July last year. The bank bought its 500,000 shares in GPA in 1988 for an estimated Inf8 million (£8.8 million). Analysts estimated that at least half the value of the stake had been

written off. Despite the provision, pretax profits at the bank recovered 71 per cent to Ir£65.8 million in the six months to end-September as income rose a fifth to Inf409 million. The interim is held at Ir3.33p. The main improvement came from Ireland, where profits rose 15 per cent to In£70.6 million. In Britain losses were almost halved to IrE5.3

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FKI raises dividend after strategy pays off

By MATTHEW BOND

FKI, the engineering group, has increased its interim divi-dend 20 per cent after impressive halfway results indicated that a new management strategy introduced this year was already begining to have an

The interim dividend was raised from 1p to 1.2p after pre-tax profits for the six months to end-September jumped 18.5 per cent to £16 million. The increase in profits came despite a 10 per cent fall in sales to £332 million. About 500 jobs have been shed during the half year, reducing numbers to 12,500.

Jeff Whailey, chairman, was confident the strategy that began with the reorganisation of the group into five, international divisions - material handling, hardware, automotive, engineering and process control - was a success. It had already enabled the company to take advantage of its position as market leader in a

number of markets. Mr Whalley said: "These

have been achieved during a period of widespread recess in our main markets in the UK and North America and reflect the good progress which has ben made in this first half year since Bob Beeston [chief executive] joined us.

are excellent results, which

Three of the group's five dling, hardware and engineering — reported higher profits in the half year, while automotive reported an operating profit of £218,000 compared with a £614,000 loss in the first half of the previous year. Process controls saw. operating profits tumble 37 per cent to £3.7 million as demand for cutting tools and computer peripherals shimped. The problem was now being addressed, Mr

Whalley said. Strong positive cash-flow from the businesses cut net borrowings by £10 million to £50 million, to give a gearing ratio of about 20 per cent.



On the map: Richard Gamble, above, chief executive of Royal Insurance, said the company's general UK operations had made a quarterly pre-tax profit for the first time since June 1990. The £16 million figure for the three months to September 30 compares with a £123 million loss last

time. The stock market marked the

shares up 21p to 247p. Over the past two years, UK operations have been hit by a string of disasters, ranging from wind-storm damage to soaring theft claims and the collapse of the domestic property market.

All main classes of business

achieved better results except for commercial property. Pre-tax losses in the UK for the first nine months were £57 million, against £227 milfion last year. The improvement was mainly due to a reduction in losses from domestic mortgage indemnity business from £173 million to £136 million. The UK account also benefited from better weather and lower

Boots marches on with a healthy increase in profits

By Martin Waller, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

BOOTS continued to weather the recession on the high street and outperform many of its rivals with an advance in pretax profits from £162.5 million to £187.8 million in the half year to end-September.

Sir James Blyth, chief executive, said a strong performance from Boots the Chemists, the retail chain, had sprung, in part, from a promotional campaign for holiday healthcare compounds and hay fever treatments in the summer, which sent sales of over-the-counter medicines ahead 1 i per cent.

Shareholders are rewarded with a rise in the interim dividend from 4.3p to 4.6p. The company's DIY opera-tions, including AG Stanley and the Do It All joint venture with WH Smith, were badly affected by heavy discounting by rivals, Boots suffering a £4.9 million loss from the latter chain after profits of £4.2 million last time.

Sir James said: "Mainstream DIY is a market in considerable disarray. I think there has been a reduction in the level of discounting, but it

is still going on and it is still having a pretty damaging

effect on the market." Boots was cash-positive in the first half, when the busi-ness traditionally are up cash. This and the conversion of a £113 million capital bonds issue cut net debt to £249 million at end-September (£462 million), and gearing to 15 per cent (37 per cent).

Manoplax, the heart compound, was still awaiting approval for use by the American authorities and would eventually be "hugely important" to the pharmaceuticals throughout 1990s, Sir James said. "We will be disappointed if we're not registered in the US before the end of the financial year." He rejected a suggestion that Boots could then sell the drug. The company had said in the past that it was interested in buying parts of the healthcare business put up for sale by Fisons, another British pharmaeutical business. But Boots was no longer interest-

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Notice to Customers National Savings Changes

SAVINGS CERTIFICATES

National Savings Certificates of the 39th Issue and 5th Index-linked Issue were withdrawn from sale on 12

The 40th Issue will go on sale for new purchases on 7 December 1992. It will offer a guaranteed and tax-free return of 5.75% pa compound when held for five years. The minimum purchase will be £100 and the maximum holding

The 6th Index-linked Issue will go on sale for new purchases on 7 December 1992. It will offer a guaranteed and tax-free return of 3.25% pa compound on top of index-linking when held for five years. The minimum purchase will be £100* and the maximum holding £5,000.

From 13 November 1992 mature Savings Certificates (including Yearly Plan Certificates) can be reinvested into Reinvestment Certificates of the 40th Issue and 6th Index-linked Issue up to a maximum of £10,000 for each Issue. The minimum for a reinvestment is £25.

Reinvestment applications should be sent direct to National Savings Durham using form DNS 502 (available at post offices). A copy of the relevant prospectus will be sent with the new Certificates for applications

From 7 December the prospectuses will be available at post offices.

New General Extension Rate

Beginning on 1 December 1992 the variable rate of interest for National Savings Certificates (including Yearly Plan Certificates) earning the General Extension Rate will be 3.75% pa tax-free.

YEARLY PLAN

The overall return on five-year Yearly Plan agreements is 5.75% pa compound, guaranteed and tax-free, for applications received from 13 November 1992.

CAPITAL BONDS

Series F Capital Bonds were withdrawn from sale on 12 November 1992.

Series G will go on sale on 7 December 1992. It will offer a gross return of 7.75% pa compound, guaranteed when held for five years.

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FIRST Option Bonds were withdrawn from sale on 12 November. New terms will be announced in due course.

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Issue D Children's Bonus Bonds were withdrawn from sale on 12 November 1992.

Issue E will go on sale on 7 December 1992. It will offer a guaranteed and tax-free return of 7.85% pa compound when held for the first five years.

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Beginning on 26 December 1992 the rate of interest payable on Income Bonds will go down from 8.0% pa gross

(The same change will apply to Deposit Bonds no longer on sale.)

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Beginning on 26 November 1992 the rate of interest earned on the Investment Account will go down from 7.25% pa gross to 6.25% pa.

From 1 February the minimum for each deposit into an Investment Account, including the amount required to open an account, will be increased from £5 to £20.*

ORDINARY ACCOUNT

Beginning on 1 January 1993 the higher rate of interest earned on the Ordinary Account will go down from 5.0% pa gross to 3.75% pa. There is no change to the standard rate of 2.5% pa.

From 1 February the minimum for each deposit into an Ordinary Account, including the amount required to open an account, will be increased from £5 to £10.*

PREMIUM BONDS

Beginning on 1 March 1993 the rate of interest used to calculate the Premium Bond prize fund will go down from 6.5% pa to 5% pa. The odds against any £1 bond unit winning a prize in each draw will change from 11,000-1 to

From 1 February the minimum purchase by parents, guardians or grandparents for children under 16 will be increased from £10 to £100.*

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the Chancellor in his Autumn Statement to revive the economy failed to create much of a stir among investors in the Square Mile.

The equity market had been in a bullish mood before the speech and share prices managed to hold onto gains, with the market having already discounted the proposed percentage point cut in bank base rares to 7 per cent.

Most of the Chancellor's most important measures had already been successfully forecast by brokers who eventually gave a cautious thumbs-up to the measures. The FT-SE 100 index showed little movement after the package had been unveiled and closed above the 2700 level. 29.6 higher at 2.726.4. At one stage the index had been 37 points higher, coming within four points of its all-time high of 2.737.8 achieved on May 11. Turnover rose to a healthy 735

GOVERNMENT securities

managed to consolidate earli-

er gains in response to the

Chancellor's package helped

by a steady performance by

At the longer end, prices

improved a couple of ticks to

close about £3/8 better. But

the gains in shorts. where

base rates of 7 per cent had already been discounted, were

modest. Many traders had

been hoping during run-up to

the speech that the Chancel-

lor would cuts rates by at least

1/2 percentage points.
Simon Briscoe. economist

at Greenwell Montagu, said

the package was much as ex-

pected with the PSBR rise,

the interest rates cut and

tough stance on public spend-

ing. "The market was encour-

aged by the Chancellor's

decision to target areas worst

hit by the recession. He

managed to spend a few

billion well." he added.

the pound against its rivals.

of this accounted for, once again, by intra market-

But brokers and fund managers expressed satisfaction that the Chancellor had aimed his package more towards industry rather than encouraging the consumer. The building sector drew

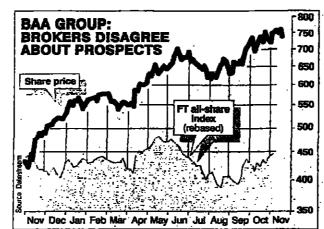
comfort from government plans to buy back around 20,000 homes overhanging the market through repossesion. There were good gains for housebuilders, with Barratt Developments 4p better at 85p, Bellway 6p at 270p, Countryside Properties 7p to 89p, Higgs & Hill 3p to 45p. Persimmon 3p to 200p. Westbury 4p to 94p, George Wimpey 4p to 106p and Tarmac 24p to 982p. Wilson Bowden climbed 19p to 339p after County NatWest, the broker, included it among its top 30 buys.

Measures designed to encourage local authorities to spend more on the infrastruc-

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ture, capital allowances for new industrial and commercial buildings, and the go-ahead for the Jubilee Line in London's Docklands also boosted the construction companies and building supply industry. Barcom jumped 7p to 85p, John Laing 13p to 193p, Alfred McAlpine 15p

to 135p, John Mowlem 6p to

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

RMC Group 14p to 516p. Redland 8p to 397p and Rugby Group 5p to 218p. Motor distributors were pleased by the decision to abolish car tax. Appleyard Group was 9p better at 84p. T.

89p, Travis Perkins 7p to

168p. Marshalls 8p to 55p.

Cowie, 5p at 149p, European Motor Holdings, 7p to 85p,

Jessups, 8p to 73p, Lex Service Group. 18p to 244p, Lookers. 7p to 89p, Pendrag-on, 12p to 196p, Penry Group. 5p to 122p. Quicks, 13p to 108p and Reg Vardy,

Royal Insurance continued the dividend reporting season among the composites with figures for the first nine months showing losses still declining. The pre-tax deficit was £83 million compared with £214 million loss. The shares responded with a rise of

17p to 243p. General Accident, which reported earlier this week, rose 5p to 555p. Commercial Union firmed 2p to 568p as Kleinwort Benson, the broker, urged clients to switch into Sun Alliance, 12p better at 328p. Guardian Royal Exchange also rose 7p to 177p. BT jumped 12p to 385p.

despite news of a 36 per cent drop in halfway pre-tax profits to £1.02 billion. The group blamed the serback on sharply higher redundancy costs totalling £386 million after shedding 35,300 jobs.

Cable and Wireless gave up some of the previous days' gains, falling 9p to 649p on further consideration of the proposed link-up with Bell

BAA Group fell 10p to 748p as Kleinwort Benson. the broker, turned seller following some disappointing air traffic figures. But Yamaichi, the Japanese securities house, rates the shares a buy following Monday's 12.6 per cent better interim figures. Ian Rennardson, at Yamaichi, is forecasting £295 million for the current year and £340 million for 1993 and expects the shares to continue outperforming in the medium term. There was some much need-

ed cheer for the high street with better-than-expected trading news from Burton Group, 11 bp higher at 55 bp, and Boots, 1p dearer at 498p. Shell dimbed 12p to 549p. helped by figures for the first nine months showing net income up from £1.94 billion to £2.2 billion.

British Steel eased I p to 50p after suffering another mauling at the hands of County NatWest, the broker. before Monday's half-year figpre-tax loss of £70 million and a cut in the dividend.

Plysii, the plastic packaging and housewares group, tumbled 21p to 244p on news of the resignation of Richard Gordon, managing director.

MICHAEL CLARK

Boots the Chemist comes up with a perfect tonic

BOTH genome and hypochondrizes continue to help Boots stride forward, but a few more car sales would not go amiss. This is the main message from the interim figures yesterday, which show a sparkling performance from Boots the Chemists, the core retail chain, and a turnround to negligible profits from Halfords, the car parts business bought with the ill-starred Ward White takeover in 1989.

The chemists saw profits up 21 per cent on sales 8.6 per cent higher, including 6.3 per cent of like-for-like growth. Margins were im-proved by a righter hold on costs and the distribution network, while sales of overthe counter medicines were particularly encouraging

Halfords managed 7.8 per cent of like-for-like sales growth and swung a £6.2 million loss last time into a £1.2 million profit. While the losses at the garage fitting business fell from £7.7 million to £4.3 million, further advances into the black for Halfords as a whole will have to await a pick-up in the car market, given retail's dependence on new car-owners' willingness to buy gadgets for their vehicles.

The key to the pharmaceutical division's future is the hoped-for American licence for Manoplax, the heart treatment granted a British licence in August. American clearance looks likely this

financial year. Although DIY will continue to be a weakness. Boots is beginning to address the City complaint that it is advancing on too many fronts. On the assumption that pre-tax profits will top £400 million this year after the 16 per cent half-time rise to £187.8 million, the shares sell on a fair 18 times' earnings. Hold for the important Christmas season.

Burton

BURTON handed the stock market an early Christmas present yesterday with a return to pre-tax profits and, more importantly, what appeared an amazingly up-beat trading statement despite a trimmed interim dividend. The announcement came Burton is undoubtedly picking up market share, almost

certainly at the expense of in-

dependent operators. All the

same, the market probably

overreacted. As ever, the

crucial test of Burton's recov-

ery will be Christmas, which,

Healthy outlook: Sir James Blyth, Boots' chief executive

according to John Hoerner, chief executive, is harder to call this year than in any of his 33 years in retail.

The new management team has already done much to persuade the City that Burton is well down the recovery track. The accounting change announced yesterday, which involves the interest costs of holding development properties being charged against profits, was expected but will further improve sentiment. Despite the enormous progress in areas such as pricing policy and shop development, concerns remain, notably the quality of the company's buyers. For all the good work done at the store level, the

supply chain remains the corporate Achilles heel. With all the economic uncertainty, analysts are finding it more than usually difficult to pin down their numbers for the current year. A pre-tax profit range of £20 million to £30 million gives earnings of up to 2.2p. just enough to cover a held 2p dividend. The huge prospective analtiple of about 25 times' earnings gives an indication of how much of the recovery is already factored into the price. Sceptics might reasonably argue that it is too much, too soon, and that bargain hunters would

be better advised to hold fire. Northumbrian

IF the executives at Northumbrian Water ever grow tired of the sewerage business they should be able to find rewarding jobs as City fund managers. Some smart investments made all the difference to the company's

half-year figures. Profits rose by a quarter in the half year to end-September to £39.3 million. Most of the gain came from cashing in a FI-SE tracking index fund boosting investment income from £1.1 million to £8.6 million. The company estimated that it has made an additional £2.3 million out of the FT-SE fund than if it had invested in gilts, enough to pay for two of the company's

Smaller acquisitions.

Shareholders also benefit, the half-year dividend rose by 10 per cent to 7.5p, two points more than either Thames or Anglian.

During the half year, Northumbrian's investment programme moved it from a modest net cash position to net debt of £54.4 million This gives the company less room to manoeuvre on the investment front but it is still wringing the most out of its baiance sheet.

The company faces difficulties in its core business, however. The recent failure of a planning application for two incinerators leaves it with a growing headache of how to dispose of sewerage sludge once sea dumping is banned in 1998. The company also feels constrained by the pricing formula Ofwat has imposed for the next two years. It is looking for ways to slow down capital spending on sewerage outfail re-

should make £72 million this year and pay a generous 22.5p dividend, putting it on a p/e ratio of 5.5 and a yield of 5.4 per cent. Northumbrian deserves the premium rating but the uncertainties leave little upside potential.

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Early see-saw trading sends the Dow lower

ondary issues gave some support to the market. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 4.87 points at 3,235.46. In the broad market, losing issues led gaining

issues by eight to seven.

Traders said the sell-off was being held in check. Potential investment interest in the market overall was heavy.

☐ Tokyo — Shares came off lows in a last-minute surge to close the day mixed. The Nikkei average ended up 58.78 points, or 0.36 per cent. at 16,376, with an estimated 200 million shares traded. broader first section TOPIX index was down 1.45 points, or 0.12 per cent to 1,246.88. Short-covering of

New York — Shares were futures and position adjust-lower at midday after a see-saw start. Traders said sec-index options settlement trig-

gered buying.

Hong Kong — Confidence in future profits outweighed worries over current Sino-British frictions, pushing shares to their second record in as many days. The Hang Seng index see sawed to a new closing high of 6,447.11, up 25.05 points or 0.39 per cent on brisk turnover.

been as much as 48 points higher, but fell in late afternoon profit-taking sparked by yet another Peking attack on Governor Patten's proposed liberalisations. ☐ Frankfurt — After a sluggish start the DAX index

The Hang Seng index had

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Answers to some forgotten prayers

ity reaction to the Chancellor's package was, initially, much more subdued than the evident pleasure of industry. This is easy to explain. The one-point cut in interest rates had already been fully discounted; the many individual measures to help the construction industry, in particular, answered prayers that many lobbyists had been offering for years and no longer really expected to be answered. The measures split cleanly into short-term aid and long-term encouragement. Taking a generous view, the combination of the freeing of local authority capital funds, the mop-up of housing, maintenance of road spending and the go-ahead for the Jubilee Line inject about £3.5 billion straight away that the building and civil engineering industry could not have counted on.

In the long run, the potential changes are greater for those who survive the recession with sufficient resources. Unless the Treasury manages to reassert traditional controls in the meantime, the combination of easier rules for privately financed public infrastructure projects, the new welcome for joint private/public ventures and the rethink on leasing will open up the opportunities the industry has been presenting with increasing frustration for years. This is something of a double-edged sword. Some of the projects for which government will now contemplate joint ventures, have merely been given a lifeline rather than being axed from the government's future spending programme.

Use of leasing and joint ventures in combination potentially offer a sea change in the government's attitude to infrastructure projects, which previously reflected both traditional cautious accounting procedures and the distrust of Sir Alan Walters and others for anything that smacked of prestige public sector infrastructure projects by the back door. Indeed, the logic of these changes points towards an eventual reform of public sector accounting to make that separation of current spending from investment that helps economic management, for instance, in Japan. Within a decade, they could make a bigger difference to Britain than the short-term measures on which the markets will deliver their verdict.

Peak charge

hare analysis face the sort of challenge at BT that they will have to meet for the generality of big companies after the introduction of FRS3, the accounting standard that aims to justify their existence. Profits fell by 36 per cent in the first half and even more steeply in the second quarter. Yet this was almost entirely due to redundancy payments above those previously allowed for, as well as the loss on selling out of the group's ill-starred venture into equipment via Mitel. The latter will be counteracted

in the second half by the corresponding profit on selling BT's interest in McCaw.

Apart from these "exceptional" charges, BT managed to cut enough costs to absorb forced price cuts and a-1 perfectnt drop in demestic call volumes, while growth of international call volume kept up modestly well. Yet redundancy costs cannot be ignored. Under the harsh regime imposed on BT, it must rely on cost criting to make any progress and this comes at a heavy cost to the company as well as to those who lose their jobs. Apart from redundancy, the extra pension costs of early retirement; combined with lower returns, will oblige the group to resume contributions to the pension scheme next year. With competitors given every encouragement to take part of its market share, BT therefore depends much more heavily on economic recovery than seems apparent.

ECONOMIC VIEW

The Chancellor demonstrates his talent for doing things by halves

Anatole Kaletsky

assesses the implications for Britain's economic recovery of vesterday's

Autumn Statement and Treasury forecasts

Three phrases come immediately to mind in describing yesterday's Autumn Statement half measures, halfhearted and half-baked.

The cut in interest rates was obviously a half measure. The single point reduction will probably not be enough to revive confidence among consumers and homeowners this side of Christmas. The markets will soon start speculating again that interest rates are heading even lower, to depression levels of 5 per cent or less. As a result, sterling could suffer further severe pressure. The govern-ment will then find itself trapped in a modified version of the vicious circle of ERM membership: investors will realise that rates must be lowered still further to spark a recovery; but the government will be too frightened to do this because of the pound. 'Half-hearted" seems the best way

to describe the constructive, but small, investment measures an-nounced yesterday. Abolishing car tax, raising investment allowances, buying up repossessed houses and allowing councils to spend a small proportion of their capital receipts are all well and good. But Mr Lamont should have taken these steps much earlier. He should have abolished car tax in his last budget instead of merely halving it. By now, demand has fallen so steeply across the economy that limited investment and housing incentives are unlikely to have much effect. The best evidence for this sceptical view comes from the Treasury's own forecasts. Even after these mildly supportive measures, the Treasury predicts zero growth next vear in business fixed investment, 1 per cent growth in housebuilding (after this year's 12 per cent fall) and a rise of only 1.7 per cent in government capital spending, compared with this year's jump of 7 per cent.

win his year's jump of / per cent.
Finally, the economic thinking behind the whole package appears half-baked. Mr Lamont's speech and the forecasts published alongside it by the Treasury revealed that government economic policy remains confused after the collapse of ERM membership on September 16. membership on September 16.

Immediately after the ERM debacle. Mr Lamont said his aim would now be to secure sustained noninflationary growth. A week later, the Treasury declared that reducing inflation had been reinstated as the sole aim of macroeconomic policy. Two weeks after that, the prime minsiter said the government's priority was "a policy for recovery and growth". The Treasury appeared to confirm this in



Mr Lamont's Mansion House speech, admitting for the first time in more than a decade that sustaining demand was a key aim of monetary policy and arguing that inflation could be controlled through fiscal policy, instead of high interest rates.

Gross domestic product (average measure)

Change in stockbuilding (as % of GDP)

Export of goods and services

Domestic demand of which:

General government consumption

Imports of goods and services ... - Non-oil GDP

RPI (excluding mortgages)
Producer output prices (4th qtr)*
GDP deflator at market prices (fin yr)

Money GDP at market prices (fin yr)

Consumers' expenditure

Manufacturing output
Current account (f. billion)
Unemployment (millions)

PSBR (financial year)

£ billion

Fixed investment

Now, the Chancellor seems to have fallen prey again to traditional monetarist doubts. In justifying his trimming of interest rates yesterday. Mr Lamont only referred to monetary indicators and prospects for inflation. He did not mention the weakness of

1992

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noted that interest rates were cut "alongside" the tight public spending plans, not because of them. That may sound like semantics but it suggests the Treasury is mounting a rearguard defence of the economic phiosophy that caused both the present recession and the Lawson boom. TREASURY'S ECONOMIC FORECASTS

The economic forecasts published yesterday also revealed a Treasury almost unrepentant, as usual predicting that economic growth would begin in about six months. On this score, however, the mandarins could finally turn out to be right, despite the disappointingly weak measures announced in yesterday's Autumn Statement. In fact, they may even be insufficiently optimistic in forecasting that gross domestic product will grow by just 1 per cent next year, with a pickup through the year from an annualised rate of 0.9 per cent in the first half to 2.4 per cent in the second half. For people instinctively inclined to dismiss every Treasury prediction. there is one important consolation: if the Treasury proves right in its forecasts, it will be because its policies were totally wrong.

The economy now has a good chance of recovery because of the government's failure to defend the reason is the U-turn in economic measures seem like too little, too late.

policy-making announced by John Major in the midst of the pit closures fiasco, a policy change which the Chancellor seemed unaware of and which the Treasury, as evidenced by vesterday's statement, is still doing their best to deny.

The low pound, which could now

fall even further as a result of the Chancellor's weak measures, will certainly help the manufacturing and export sectors. And with interest rates now down to 7 per cent, and further big falls almost certainly on the horizon if retail sales and housing fail to improve, some recovery in consumer spending will probably materialise by next year. But if the recovery really turns out to be as feeble as the Treasury suggests, even more questions will be raised about the handling of economic policy prior to the devaluation on September 16. If the economy only manages 1 per cent growth with interest rates at or below per cent and the pound down to DM2.40, what would have hap-pened had Mr Major won his poker game with the currency markets? The depth of the depression in Britain, if interest rates had remained at 10 per cent and the pound was still worth DM2.95, hardly bears thinking

nere are likely to be other sury forecasters next year, even if their broad predic-tions of recovery are finally realised. For the shape of next year's economic growth will probably be quite different from the one predicted yesterday by Mr Lamont.

The Treasury has predicted, as usual, that recovery will be strongly supported by exports and will include an upturn in investment by the second half of next year. But an export-led recovery (the Treasury forecasts 5.5 per cent real export growth) is implausible for two reasons: Britain's main export markets are weak and getting weaker, and the lagged effects of the damage done to exports by ERM membership will probably run well into next year. Eventually, exports will grow sharply due to the steep devaluation, but this may not be fully evident until 1994. Investment, too, will eventually

start to grow strongly in response to much lower interest rates and the low pound. But after the caning they have taken in the past two years, industrialists will want to see a clear upward trend in demand-sustained for some time. As the Treasury has implicity admitted, the investment measures announced yesterday will have no more than a marginal effect on capital spending.

Before investment-led growth is

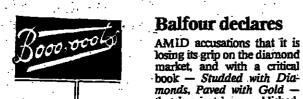
possible again in Britain, there will have to be a sharp improvement in consumer confidence and a turnround in the housing market. Eventually both will happen, but Mr Lamont (or his successor) will have to do more than he did in yesterday's pound at DM2.95. A secondary package. As usual, the Treasury's

Stepping out to **Stopped Out** THE secret is now out. Nigel

Munt, an assistant director at Sharps Pixley, the bullion dealing firm, and known, somewhat inevitably, as "Goldfinger", was once the bass guitarist in the seventies rock band Mud. Keen to recapture his youth, Munt, 43, has beloed to form a new band, which is as yet nameless, and which will perform at several parties in the bullion market this Christmas. His fellow musicians include Les Edgar, managing director of Sharps Pixley, Alan Baker, its deputy managing director and also vice-chairman of the London Bullion Market Association, Daryl Shineman, an options trader from Morgan Stanley, and two vocalists from TFS, the rival bullion dealing firm. The band's repertoire is likely to include Mud's big hit Tigerfeet and favourites from the late 50s and early 60s. We are looking for a name for the group and would welcome suggestions," says colleague John Coley, who is effectively acting as publicity agent. "In view of the perilous state of the gold price one possibility is Stopped Out." Stopped Out is a reference to the expression used when prices have fallen sufficiently for stop-loss pro-grammes to be activated. Given that the gold price has fallen for from \$859 an ounce in 1980 to \$330 an ounce now, it might indeed be an apt

Hello special A NEW series of business doc-

umentaries on Channel 4, billed somewhat implausibly



"Profits up again I notice" as the successor to City favour-ite Business Daily, will begin on Sunday at 5.15pm with a programme entitled Hello, Hello. The inaugural programme will examine the success of Hello magazine, which sells 450,000 copies a week in the UK, and will focus on the management techniques used by its Spanish owner Eduardo Sanchez Junco, techniques typical of a family-run firm. The programme will also be a first for its producer, Nick Ward, who was a media analyst at Smith New Court until September. Ward, 39, is to become a director of the production company Ecosse Films which is making the series, totalling 21 programmes which will be shown between now and early April. "They are 40minute documentaries and we will broadcast seven before Christmas and 14 afterwards, with the series continuing next autumn. The idea is that the programmes should have a broader appeal than Business Daily, so people who are not normally interested in business might start to watch."

Balfour declares AMID accusations that it is

book - Studded with Diamonds, Paved with Gold that has just been published, rather oddly linking it with the creation of the South African apartheid system, De Beers could wish for no more loyal defender than Lord Balfour, the diamond expert. Balfour, 67, yesterday launched the second edition of his book Famous Diamonds at De Beers offices in Holborn. London. Balfour, who was introduced to the diamond business post-Oxford by Sir Ernest Oppenheimer, father of Harry, staunchly defended De Beers' position. "I haven't heard about the new book," he admits, adding that criticism of De Beers was misplaced. "They've always been five years ahead of any other company in employment and race relations. The trouble is, success is often attacked by sourness." Balfour also denies that De Beers relations with Russia are deteriorating. "They've al-ways been good." Indeed his own book is being translated into Russian. An enthusiastic composer, he has, he reveals, requested payment from the Russians not in roubles but by way of the complete works of Shostakovich instead. "I've written five operas myself. some of which the BBC liked," says Balfour. He adds that he would still like to write an opera on Balzac and avant garde composers like Janacek seem to be his favourites. "I can't think of anything I'd like better than the works of Shostakovich." he declares.

CAROL LEONARD | expect, and undoubtedly in-

BUSINESS LETTERS

Former Dan-Air crew no better off From Capt. D. I. Gray-Fisk merable passengers in aircraft

Sir, It was with interest and sympathy that I read Mrs Sheila Vince's letter "Unanswered question over Dan-Air" (November 4). But the "better redundancy terms than under receivership" to which she refers, and understandably believes to be indirectly funding as an ex-shareholder, will not be envied

by most. The majority of Dan-Air pilots, many of whom have completed 15-20 years service

with the company, are imminently without a job. There is little prospect of finding another in today's market. Contrary to expectation, not to mention past practice, we have been told that we are to receive the statutory redundancy. This, for those who are unaware, amounts to around £205 per year of service. Thus a pilot of 15 years' standing will receive by way of redun-dancy, a little over £3,000 one of 20 years' just over-£4,000 — during such time having safely conveyed innu-

to the pilots, to a great deal. There are few winners, but many losers, in this takeover. Numerous Dan-Air pilots. whose employment terminates on November 6, were shareholders too. We fervently believed in our company. So, no doubt, did Mrs Vince. Yours faithfully, CAPTAIN D. I. GRAY-FISK.

bility of command.

"Lotos", Beeches Drive, The Avenue, Farnham Common. Buckinghamshire.

Unit holders can affect investment decisions

From Mr Leslie Clements Sir, I read the letter from Mr D.H.A. Tufnell (November 6) whilst travelling to the NM Conscience Fund unit holders

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tently good performance whilst also giving them the opportunity to meet the fund managers on a yearly basis. Investments are governed by a published Charter of Conscience and, at the meeting, investors are invited to contribute views on companies held in the fund and suggestions for new holdings. Suggestions are actively followed up and are crucial to investment deci-

sions. The meetings are ex-

tremely lively, as you would

crease the accountability of our unit trust managers. Yours faithfully. LESLIE CLEMENTS. Marketing Manager, NM Financial Management, Enterprise House, Isambard Brunel Road, Portsmouth.

Christopher Jonas

THE feature "Economy must not be buried under the ruins of plummeting property" in yesterday's Business News was written jointly by Christopher Jonas, the president of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, and Douglas McWilliams and not by Mr McWilliams alone, as stated. We apologise to both authors



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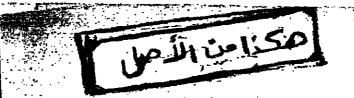
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By DEREK HARRIS

HERTFORDSHIRE, once one of sector. They include kindergartens, the most thriving areas in the event organisers, aromatherapists. South East but increasingly hit as recruitment agencies, managecompanies such as British Aerospace and Rolls-Royce aero engines make big cutbacks, is holding up at the small-business level.

Hertfordshire Training and Enterprise Council says more than 93 per cent of businesses set up with its help between April 1991 and last March are still thriving. There were 361 firms that qualified for a business start-up grant, which gives aid for the first year of trading and free training and counselling. So far only 27 of the businesses

which had a grant have stopped trading. This is despite the wave of cutbacks in the county whose domino effects are still working through in the local economy.

John Collier, acting head of the Tec, said tougher economic conditions in the county underline the need for the Tec to press on with its work to develop a strong enterprise culture. He said: "Small businesses play an important part in the county's economy with at least 80 per cent of the county's firms employing less than 25. This is the positive side in a county where business confidence has taken a tumble. We have to encourage growth of small and medium-sized firms. Programmes are coming through to help existing businesses

to ride their difficulties." Most successful new businesses helped by the Tec are in the service

ment and personnel consultancies. a design agency and a hypnothera-

py practice.
The start-up programme begins with a session to help people decide if self-employment is right for them. A four-day course gives guidance on finance, management, marketing and establishing a business plan. Most firms set up with the Total help forms are up with the Tec's help have involved people recently unemployed. Just over a third were started by women. Details: Herts Tec: 0727 52313.





Back to the good old days

FOR Vincent Hayes, 35, an Irishman from county Galway who says he has been stage-struck since the age of five, old time music hall means cash flow rattling through the till. His blooming business in London's East End has tapped into a demand for an evening out with a three-course meal and a two-hour show at a budget price. He said: "We have broken even ever since we opened last February. We're

sold out most nights."

The first venture with music hall was with the late Alan Roberts, another buff who was then an MP. They found the Lord Hood, a derelict public house in Bethnal Green. cleaned it up and put on entertain-ment which brought standing room only. But they could not charge directly for the show and a £1-a-ticket raffle brought in insufficient revenue.

So the public house was sold but a larger venue was ruled out by the then high property prices. Mr Hayes, his partner having died, returned to entertaining. Then, last year, he found the Brick Lane building. At the turn of the century there were three music halls in Brick Lane packed with audiences roaring approval — yet by 1909 tastes changed and all had closed.

When Mr Hayes went to Brick Lane it was to a building, used as a furniture storehouse, which was 200 years old and a former stable for Truman brewery horses. He thought that its value as a community boost should mean funding would be forthcoming from arts



Your own, your very own, Vincent Hayes": the MC of Brick Lane Music Hall starts another evening

sources or the local authority, but that turned out a false supposition. So he put in money as did his father and two friends, Michael Jones and Joanne Richardson. They got together nearly £30,000 to cover renovation, licensing, fit-tings, a kitchen, and a bar. The right period feel was essential and Mr Hayes, with a helping hand from many friends, worked to transform the neglected building

into a live theatre where audiences could dine as they watched the show. Work began on December 16 and music hall was back in busi-ness in Brick Lane on February 12.

The Hayes formula included a traditional balance of acts - comedy, traditional songs, a quirky performer and then himself as master of ceremonies. Dinner including some typical Cockney dishes — and the show costs £15 a

head four nights of the week. Mr Hayes reckons 8 in 10 of each

audience are newcomers.
Giving value for money is important, he says. "My hank manager says I have a good business there. It sustains a staff of 19 and I could make a living from it but I am still working outside as a theatre producer and performer, using the money earned for things still needing to be done at Brick Lane."

brought out the first of an updated and expanded series of booklets aimed at guiding and counselling small businesses. It will be in ten parts, all free.

Three booklets have just been haunched, two for those taking their first steps in business. One is about getting started and the other offers guidelines for a business plan.

There is also a survival guide aimed at existing businesses trying to beat recession. It looks in detail at a health check on a business, tightening credit control, getting paid quickly and controlling stocks

while planning for the future.
The other booklets will be coming out over a six-month period covering issues like working from home, exhibiting successfully and selling through galleries. Others offer guidelines on exporting and importing, catering businesses, and running a market stall. Details from 4. Snow Hill, London ECIA 2BS: telephone 071 236 3000. ☐ Surrey Tec is running two day sessions, both free, to advise and

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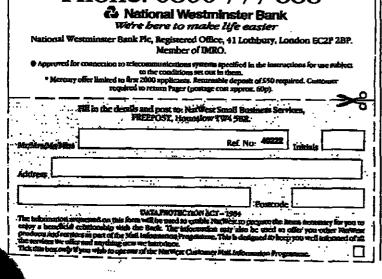


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Super-powerful workstations dominate some new computer launches, Matthew May writes

Voices in the machine

Extra-powerful: DEC's

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one-upmanship were on display this week as three of the computer industry's best known companies announced some of the new products and plans with which they hope to convince recession-strapped customers that what will be on offer in 1993 is just too good to turn down

SHIFF ING

As usual in the field of technology, virtually all computer manufacturers can honestly claim that their new machines are more powerful and/or cheaper than their

immediate predecessors. To the manufacturer, the only remaining problem, it seems. is to convince prospective customers that their particular products are the best at offering more for less.

On Tuesday, for example, Digital Equipment, announced a line of computers based on a new

chip developed in-house, the success of which is crucial to the future of a company that is second only to IBM in size.

The models range from a E12,400 desktop workstation to a £225,000 mainframe. Digital even asked CERN, the European particle physics laboratory in Geneva, to conduct tests on their speed, which shows, says Digital, that even its most basic new desktop has a performance "equivalent to that of top-of-the-range supercomputers".

Analysts say the claim had better be at least partly true given the time and expense the company put into developing its own alpha chip at a time when much cheaper massproduced chips are increasing in power all the time.

'It's super critical," says Marc Schulman, head of Technology Strategies, a market research firm

ome serious attempts at in Stamford, Connecticut. "Very clearly, alpha-based systems have got to sell well for Digital to have any kind of significant recovery." Digital lost \$260 million in its

last quarter, and does not expect to get back in the black until mid-1993. The company, based in Maynard outside Boston, had a huge success in the 1980s with the Vax range of computers, which had the advantage — unlike many other ranges — of letting customers link small and large, new and old models of the computers together.

But as the rest of the industry realised that customers were demanding this sort of flexibility. Digital's influence waned, particularly as it consistently ignored the powerful role that personal computers were starting

Competiton with the new range will be fierce, particularly over work-stations. These extra-powerful desk-

top computers were once thought to be of interest mainly for numbercrunching or because they offer the high-resolution graphics needed for scientific and technical work With prices falling, manufacturers are hoping they will be able to interest the business world in putting them into widespread use. It was more than coincidence that two of Digital's chief rivals in workstations - Hewlett Packard

and Sun Microsystems - also chose Tuesday to announce new product ranges for next year which are also based on high-performance chips. Prices for a basic colour workstation start at around £4,000. Each claims to outperform its competitors in either price or power, while HP is offering special discounts for some existing Sun or Digital workstation users who may



wish to "upgrade" to HP. All this means that next year workstations will be on offer for little more than a de-luxe personal computer with a few bells and whistles.

While there is still a huge market for workstations in specialist uses from networking to high-resolution graphics, the manufacturers hope to convince companies that workstations will soon be cheap enough for ordinary office tasks.

The power of PCs will also be increasing, with most of IBM's models soon expected to switch to Intel's 486 or similar IBM-developed chips. The less powerful 386 chip will accordingly be relegated to portables or machines aimed at the education market. Because Intel currently has a

effective monopoly on the produc-tion of the 486 chip — unlike its less powerful but popular 386 — it is more than keen to get manufacturers to adopt it for standard use and give it at least a temporary respite rom competitors.

Yet the power of the 486 chip, let alone a workstation, was only recently being referred to as of interest mainly to businesses with particularly hefty personal computing tasks or those needing networked systems. So even if it is on

offer at previously unheard of prices, how will businesses be convinced that standard office tasks need all this extra power? Video and sound, particularly speech recognition, are two of the answers suggested. Convince customers that they

need to store and retrieve large quantities of video information on a personal computer screen either internally or via the telephone — and they are likely to need more powerful machines. This week IBM said it will team

up with the American broadcaster NBC to test a "news on demand" system next year which enables people to call up videotaped news reports, updated every hour, and view them on a personal computer.

It will not be available for home use, but will be aimed at the kind of customer who may want to access videos of such things as stockmarket summaries, internally produced training films or corporate announcements, as well as news.

At the Comdex show in Las Vegas next week, IBM is expected to announce a workstation and two personal computers which will accept some spoken commands. The workstation will be able to analyse a group of words so that the difference between words that sound alike, such as "I" and "eye". can be established. It can also be trained to recognise different voices, which could allow it to limit computer access to certain users, as a security precaution.

The lower power of PCs, however, means that they will not offer general speech recognition. A similar product, the Windows sound system by Microsoft is due on sale in Britain later this month. Costing £200, this can be used with any personal computer that has a 386 chip or better, and comes with audio card, headphones and microphone.

Such systems use voice recognition only to replace some of the most frequently used keyboard commands, suchs as "open file" or edit copy". They can also include other features, such as speech synthesis, which enables the computer to "read back" numbers inserted in, say, a spreadsheet, so that users can check them against another document.

Affordable and truly voice-activated computers, which will take a letter and recognise continuous speech, are still some years away. but cheaper workstations will bring them at least one step closer.

Going to law on the command

Software companies are fighting over the 'artistic' element in their programs

I he personal computer industry is known as a worldwide cradle of innovation, but it is also a highly lucrative market for copyright and patent lawyers. A number of heavyweight lawsuits are under way in the United States. pitting the industry's spirit of freewheeling creativity against ometimes outdated copyright and patent laws.

In recent years almost all of the large personal computer software companies have been involved in legal actions to protect copyright often against one another.

One of the key issues in intellectual property law is the difference between "functionality" - what a computer program actually does and "expression" - how it is made to do the job. Copyright determination often turns on a decision of whether creativity and artistic judgment are inherent

in an expression. For example, a dozen companies may produce wordprocessing software offering roughly the same functions. although each will be designed to express and control those functions dif-

The difficulty comes when common sense or convention dictates the

use in more than one software developer's package of commands such as "print" and "save", with the symbols representing the functions looking similar and perhaps being put in the same place on the screen. A judge then has to decide whether or not artistic judgment was used in deciding the name of the commands and their places on

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the screen, or whether the author was merely following an industry standard or convention. The most public of these cases was the action by Apple Computer against Microsoft for alleged infringement of an agreement between the two allowing Microsoft to

produce software to make IBM-

compatible PCs run more like

Apple's Macintosh. Most of Apple's claims have now been thrown out by the court and the case is near settlement, but the costs of the lengthy litigation have run into tens of millions of dollars. Similarly, California-based Borland International has been locked in a long and complex legal battle with Lotus Development for several years over the design of Borland's command structure in its Quattro spreadsheet. Lotus claims this is a close copy of the command system for its 1-2-3 spreadsheet. Borland argues that being allowed to copyright the words used in a pull-down menu is absurd.

Unfortunately for Borland, the judge in the case recently ruled that the content of the menus in Lotus 1-2-3 could indeed be copyrighted, and that Borland had violated this copyright. He will decide later this

month what penalties to impose. In a move designed to fend off punitive measures. Borland has removed the disputed menus from

its current software. But the company's founder and chief executive. Philippe Kahn, says he is convinced that the whole future of the American industry rests on the outcome of such cases. He claims that

overzealous interpretation of copyright law applying to computer soft ware will force pro-

symbols original art? grammers to reinvent the wheel every time they want to incorporate a standard command line.

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"The interests of this industry would be far better served if all the money spent on litigation were spent instead on research and development," he says.

But according to John Dodge, news editor of the American trade magazine PC Week, most recent events have discouraged software companies from launching copyright suits against one another. The amount of litigation should now decline, because Microsoft has basically prevailed in its lawsuit

with Apple," he says.
"To capture an idea and not let anyone else have access to it has always been viewed as inhibiting

GEOF WHEELWRIGHT

Is Britain about to lose its lead in surgical robots to the United States?

Your life in their claws

ews that American researchers performed a hip replacement operation last weekend using a computer-controlled robot assistant has been greeted with dismay in Britain.

While American researchers were briefing journalists earlier this week on a machine they have dubbed "Robodoc" and with it a surgical proceedure they claim to be a world first. British researchers were in Dublin giving details of similar robot-assisted operations carried out nearly two years ago in London. A robot developed by Imper-

ial College, University of London, assisted in five prostate gland operations under the supervision of Anthony Timoney. Mr Timoney, a fellow of the Institute of Urology in London and now at the Royal Surrey County hospital at Guildford, said that the pilot operations had been a

Where the researchers have not been successful is in securing funding to take the pioneering project further.

The robotic device, which carries a cutter and six sensors linked to a camera and operating theatre display screen, has been unable to attract industrial backers and is awaiting a decision on a third application for funding from the Science and Engineering Research Council.

The council had expressed concern over the use of a robot on human patients, which the

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Remote control: US doctors using a robot in surgery

researchers have tried to allay in their latest proposal. We are at risk of losing significant lead," said Mr Timoney who has been work-

ing with Brian Davies of Imperial College's centre for While the British researchers struggle to keep their project alive, William Bargar,

an orthopaedic surgeon, who helped develop the American machine, said it had "worked perfectly". The unidentified patient, a 64-year-old man, received his hip replacement on Saturday

at Sutter general hospital in Sacramento, California, and took his first steps on Monday. Dr Bargar said the operation, ten of which have been ap-proved by the US Food and Drug Administration, could pave the way for the use of robots in knee replacements. ligament surgery and even

brain surgery.

At the heart of the device is a robotic drill attached to a mechanical arm, which drills holes with greater precision than human hands, allowing implants to set in place with-

out bone cements.

During the 30-minute operation to drill the hole, the team had the ability to pause the machine and cut the power. At each step, Robodoc's on-board computer asked the surgeon to verify its actions.
Its development follows tests

on dogs. in May 1990, a tenyear-old sheepdog called Snook had a hip replaced using the device.

At the time, Dr Howard Paul, a veterinary surgeon at the University of California in Davis and Dr Bargar's coworker, said: "We are able to program Robodoc with the exact dimensions of the prosthesis so that we get a perfect match with the bone. That is impossible to do manually".

Before operations are carried out, pins are put in a patient's leg to act as reference points for the robot. A computer scan is then made, with three-dimensional images fed into a computer to aid the

robot's work.
Like Mr Timoney and Mr Davies, the American team emphasise that robots will not replace human surgeons but will be used as mechanical

aids only. Researchers believe, however er, that apart from the precision possible with such devices, there could be other real advantages.

Relative to its population, Britain has the fewest surgeons specialising in prostategland treatment in Europe. and one in three men over 40 will require prostate surgery at some time.

Tests indicate that a robot, supervised by a human surgeon, could cut theatre time from an hour to five minutes and extend the working lives of surgeons, many of whom develop shaking hands in their lifties that force them to retire.

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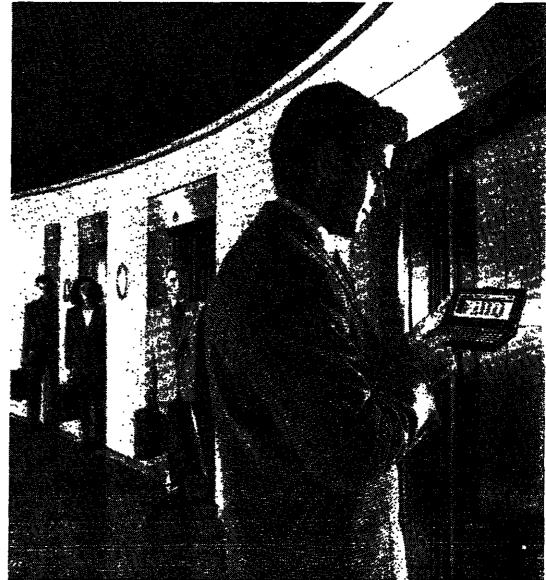
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The political autonomy granted since the death of the dictator Franco has undermined support for terrorism. Peter Strafford reports

An end to terror is in sight

errorism is steadily declining in the Basque Country, or Euskadi, as the Basques call it. The bombs of Euskadi Ta Askatasuna (ETA), the extreme nationalist organisation committed to Basque independence, continue to kill and injure people, but they are doing so less often, and the belief among political and business leaders is that violence will play a diminishing role in Basque, and Spanish, life.

An important factor in this is the close co-operation that has been established between the Spanish and French police. There are now Spanish police working across the border in the French Basque Country, and that has deprived ETA of the refuge it used to have

Several leading members of the organisation have been arrested in France, with damaging effects for its operational effectiveness.

More telling in the long run is the evolution of attitudes in the Basque population as a whole. Active support for terrorism has only ever come from a minority, at least since the death of General Franco in 1975 and the subsequent introduction of democracy to Spain. But there have always been many Basques who felt so strongly about independence that they were prepared to condone ETA's methods. In the last regional election, in 1990. Herri Batasuna (HB), the party that gives ETA political support, won 18 per cent of the vote.

Attitudes have been changing. however. Revulsion at the deaths caused by ETA bombs has grown. and big protest demonstrations have been held. There has been greater readiness to speak out against terror tactics, without fear of the consequences, while businessmen have increasingly resisted demands from ETA for a "revolutionary tax"

"Terrorism has been politically defeated." says José Antonio Ardanza, the lehendakari, or premier, of the autonomous government of the Basque Country. "Three, four or five years ago there



Better red . . . the local police, with their distinctive berets

was a fear of publicly attacking ETA, in the media, for example, but that has disappeared. The democratic political parties adopt-ed a common position in a pact rejecting violence four years ago. and society has now made this rejection its own.

"It is certainly true that terrorists can still commit atrocities, and there remains a nucleus of voters who support them. But it is beginning to be seen that a voter for Herri once proud of doing so now wants to hide

"He or she is conscious that it is not a sign of progress, of revolution. or of the defence of ideals."

None of this means that the ETA threat has been eliminated or, more generally, that the sensitive issue of the Basques' place within, or outside, Spain has been resolved. Most Basques believe they are different from the rest of Spain, and all the Basque nationalist parties agree that their ultimate objective is

independence. Between them, they received almost two-thirds of the votes in the 1990 election.

The situation has been fundamentally transformed, however, by the adoption of the principle of regional autonomy in Spain in the years after Franco's death, and in particular the granting in 1979 of a statute of autonomy to the Basque Country — comprising the three provinces of Vizcaya, Guipúzcoa and Alava, although not neighbouring Navarre, which nationalists also consider to be Basque, but which has a separate statute.

The Basque Country has its own autonomous government, now a coalition of the Partido Nacionalista Vasco (PNV), the Partido Socialista de Euskadi (PSE) and Euskadiko Ezkerra (EE), and though this has its internal differences, because the PSE is a national Spanish party with close links to the Spanish socialist party (PSOE), this has given the region political

The region has its economic and cultural centre in Bilbao (Bilbo in Basque), the principal city of Vizca-ya, and its political capital in Vitoria (Gasteiz), the main city in upland Alava. The third important centre is San Sebastián, the coastal resort the Basques call Donostia.

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The government follows a policy of reviving and promoting the Basque language.
Like Navarre, the Basque Country has

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widespread own than the other Spanish regions. and this has gone some way to satisfying the more moderate nationalists. The region sets and collects its own taxes. sending an agreed percentage on to Madrid, and has its own police, the Ertzaintza. with their distinctive red

> Even so, Señor Ardanza complains bitterly that the government in Madrid has not granted all the powers provided for in the statute of autonomy, and Xabier Arzalluz, the



Changing story: there is growing revulsion at the deaths caused by ETA and greater readiness to speak out against the terrorist group

leader of the PNV, the largest party in the Basque Country, to which Señor Ardanza also belongs, says that autonomy is only a phase on the road to independence, which the party accepted "coyuntu-ramente", or as suitable for the circumstances of the time.

There is widespread criticism of Madrid for its lavish expenditure this year on Expo '92, the world fair in Seville, the Olympic Games in Barcelona and other events commemorating the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus's discovery of the New World. None of this spending went to the Basque Country, and Señor Ardanza says that it was "barbarous" to spend so much when Spain did not have the resources to spare.

Señor Ardanza says Madrid also has responsibilities in the Basque Country for airports, ports and railways. How, he asks, is it now going to meet those obligations when it has already spent so much elsewhere, and at a time of recession? The Madrid government has be-haved imprudently, he says, and taken risks, given the nationalist feelings in the Basque Country.

The indications are, however. that independence has become more of a general rallying cry. whose implications are often not examined, and which would be widely opposed, than a specific policy. The pact signed in 1988 by all the democratic nationalist parties was an important step, because

though they still stated independence to be their ultimate goal, they agreed to work for it by constitutional

Another factor is developments in the rest of Europe. Like other Spaniards, the

Basques strongly support the principle of political and economic union in the European Community, and they have a particular reason for their attitude. They believe that as the EC becomes more united, greater powers will be devolved to the regions, including the Basque Country.

Señor Arzalluz ralks of "independence in Europe", and of a situa-tion in which the Basques' six tra-

ditional regions, now divided berween Spain and France, would have a status of their own, separate from, and on a par with, Spain and France. With the disappearance of frontiers, he says, and the adoption of one currency and a common defence policy, old notions of national sovereignty will no longer be relevant.

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que Country has been industrialised since the last century, when strong. and lasting, links were developed between Bilbao and Britain. In recent years, however, its traditional heavy industry, especially steel and shipbuilding, has gone into decline, and the situation is critical today, with high unemployment.

There is nevertheless confidence that the region will pull through. Señor Ardanza says that it survived a worse crisis in the early 1980s, and is in a stronger position today. Patrick de la Sota, president of the Chamber of Commerce of Bilbao points to the Basques' industrial culture, and the fact that though some of the big companies are in trouble, there are others, particularamong the medium-size and smaller firms, that are fully com-

Much must depend on outside perceptions of the Basque Country, because the view that the region is in the grip of terrorism is a deterrent to the foreign investment which is needed. So business leaders draw confidence from the fact that ETA's grip has loosened, and indications that in ETA itself there are differences over continuing the terror campaign: while political parties are manoeuvring to attract voters who have voted for HB in the past but may now oppose terrorist

methods. "For years," says Professor Javier Corcuera of the University of the Basque Country, in Bilbao, "we did not know how or when terrorism would end. Now we know that it will end, although we still do not know when or how".

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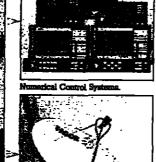
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technologically fantastic future.











Language that refuses to die Etnnic pride is Diputazioa

providing new support for an ancient tongue

■ he Basque language is a very old one, almost certainly the oldest surviving in Europe, Peter Strafford writes. Only the most tenuous links have been made with languages elsewhere, and the assumption is that it has been spoken since prehistoric times in what are now northern Spain and southwest France. The Basques went on speaking their own language as Celts, Romans, Visigoths, Franks and Arabs in turn dominated the area.

Over the past century, knowledge of the language, known either as Euskara or Euskera depending on the area, has shrunk, partly as a result of immigration as the Basquespeaking areas have become industrialised and less remote. A further blow was dealt by General Franco who, after his victory in 1939 in the Spanish Civil War, tried to stamp out the language altogether.

Today, in the three provinces of the Basque Country, Vizcaya, Guipuzcoa and Ala-va, barely 25 per cent of the population understand and speak the language well, while in Navarre, also considered by nationalists to be Basque, the figure is only 10 per cent.

The language is still very much alive, however, and since the Basque Country was granted its statute of autonomy in 1979, the regional government has set out to reverse the decline. The language is now in use everywhere, as is the once-banned Basque flag. Basque is taught extensively in the schools, and efforts are under way to make its use general in the various public

There is Basque-language radio and a Basque-language television channel, ETB 1, in Durango. In Bilbao. the Academy of the Basque Language, started in 1919, has set out to establish rules for a unified language, in place of the differing versions spoken in Spain and France.

The government is still some way from its objective of making Basque the language of everyday use, and there has been resistance from those, often not of Basque origin, who see no reason to stop speaking Spanish. One of the



Signposts to a culture: notices in Spanish and Basque point the way in central Bilbao

most sensitive issues is the level of knowledge of Basque that should be required of publicservice employees in areas where little Basque is spoken. There is already, though, greater knowledge of the language among children of school age, and many adults have been keen to learn it.

Maria Karmen Gar-

mendia, the government's policy, acknowledges that Basque is a difficult language to learn unlike Catalan,

for instance, with its close links to Spanish says that many people find it rewarding to

know Spanish and Basque. In the schools, pupils have three options: A, in which teaching is in Spanish, but time is spent learning Basque; B, in which the two languages are used more or less equally, often with cultural subjects in Basque and scientific ones in Spanish: and D (there is no C in Basque), in which teaching is in Basque, and Spanish is taught separately. Alongside the publicly run schools there are also the ikastolas, the schools first set up in resistance to Franco as a way of preserving the language, where option D is offered.

The system has caught on, says Fernando Buesa, the councillor in charge of education in the government, and there has been an increase in secretary general for language those opting for B and D.

There are marked differences, how-Revival is a ever, between the three provinces, with the greatest long-term number process Basque-speakers in Guipúzcoa,

where 90 per cent opt for B and D, and the smallest number in Alava, where 50 per cent opt for A. In Vizcaya, pupils are almost equally divided among the three options.

Alava is the southernmost of the three provinces, with the greatest exposure to Spanish, and resistance to learning Basque has been strongest there. The Union Alavesa, a small right-of-centre party, has

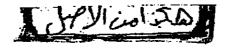
campaigned against the regigovernment's policies and has focused on the requirements for recruitment to the public services. Preference is given to Basque-speakers, and the party complains that this is unfair at a time of high unemployment.

There are also differences of emphasis within the government coalition. As a nationalist party, the Partido Nacionalista Vasco (PNV), the dominant partner, sees the language as central to the national identity and something that should draw the Basques together.

The other main party, the Partido Socialista de Euskadi (PSE), takes a less urgent view and Senor Buesa, a member of the PSE, argues for not trying to move so fast. The party is in favour of promoting the use of the language, he says, but it believes that personal choice must be respected, and Basque cannot be

Revival of the language is a long-term process. It is not possible to go to 100 per cent knowledge in a generation.

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The search for outside investors

he Basque Country was one of the first regions in Spain to industrialise and for a long time was one of the most prosperous. It was, however, largely dependent on medium to large industry, and in recent years it has been struggling with the need to restructure such undustries as steel and shipbuilding, which had become unconspetitive
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afford repu

The region has also set out to attract more foreign investors. In the past, it generated most of its own investment capital, unfilter catalonia, for instance. However, the Basque Country, 200, 1000,

police actions against ETA this year, both in France and in Spain, which have put the entire leadership behind bars.

The Basque Country also has advantages to offer its industrial tradition, which has given it a trained workforce, and its distinctive tax system. By virtue of its statute of autonomy, the negion could be a system and passes on an agreed proportion in Medical an agreed proportion to Madrid. With Navarre, it is one of only two Spanish regions to have this right. This is no tax haven, but there is something different about the tax situation in Euskadi [the Basque Country], "says Jon Larringa, counHuge building

programmes are bringing the region

back to life, says Harry Debelius

tradition and tax system

sis on Europa 93, a far-reaching plan set in motion four years ago, in co-operation with the central government in Madrid, whose aim is to prepare the region for the ECs single market by modernising its infrastructure. Most of the objectives have now been achieved.

They include extensive road-building at a cost of 40 billion pesetas (£233 million); the construc-tion of dams and waterworks, 28.2 billion pesetas (£165 million); local

railway improvements, 10.6 billion pesetas (£62 million); combined freight depots, 10.1 billion pesetas (£58 million); communications networks, 8.3 billion pesetas (£49 million); and million); and a gas distribution network. 9.1 billion pesetas (£53

A number of the Europa 93 projects, particularly among those that were to have been funded by the Madrid government alone, remain unfinished and in some cases unstarted. Improvements to airports and the construction of high-speed railway fines in the Basque Country have had to wait. A project to expand the port at Bilbao is under way, however, with the port authority handling the financing; and a new underground

rankway for the city, begun under an cardier programme, is due to be." finished by 1995. One of the projects the reional government would most itice to see started is the "Basque Y", a high-speed railway line which would give the three principal Basque cities, Bilbao, Vitoria and San Sebastián, a

new trade route to the rest of

One arm of the "Y" would run from the French border to the south-west, passing through San Sebastian and continuing to Vito-ria. The other would intersect with it somewhere north of Vitoria and reach northwest to Bilbao. At some future time the line could be extended south from Vitoria as far as Madrid, where it would link up with the recently completed Ma-drid-Seville high-speed line.



Right lines: two citizens looking at the progress of work on an underground railway for Bilbao, due to be finished by 1995

The Basque government has already drawn up extensive plans and scale models. According to financial sources, it may undertake the "Y" alone if the central government, which was to have paid for it. continues to drag its feet

Recent years have been difficult for the region, and the situation has still not improved. Firms were obliged to lay off tens of thousands of workers in the late 1970s and early 1980s as a recession set in. In 1986 the unemployment rate rose

to 24 per cent. In 1989, a reductions of jobs at the big plants, restructuring plan came into effect, by which steel production was to be reduced and limited to special steels, while most shipbuilding in the Basque Country was to cease. The plan called for successive

and this process is continuing Today, however, the unemployment rate is less than 19 per cent which, while still high, is no longer significantly higher than the rate for the whole of Spain.

Probably the most in-triguing success story in the history of modern Basque industry and sociology is that of Mondragón. There is a steady stream of visitors, both scholarly and merely curious, to the town in

a wooded valley south-east of Bilhao where it all started. Here in 1956, five stu-dents, inspired by the egali-tarian philosophy of a local priest, formed a small cooper-ative company to manufacture paraffin stoves. The group grew and the idea prospered as one cooperative after another was formed, each dedicated to the produc-

Co-operating for success

A company founded by students is the market leader

jointly. The biggest of those aggregations of cooperatives billion pesetas (£2.2 billion), became known as Fagor. That word is now a brand name, familiar to housewives in Britain and to the inhabitants of scores of other countries where the company's cookers and home appliances are sold. Fagor is the market leader in home appliances in

tion of a certain product or With a staff of 23,000 and type of product.

As time went on, some of companies, with 1991 sales the cooperatives agreed to act of the industrial and distribu-

the cooperatives took a big step towards unity and economy of scale last December by forming the Mondragon Cooperative Corporation. and organising it into eight divisions: finance, capital goods, automotive components, household appliance components, industrial components and services, construction, home appliances and kitchen furniture, and

About half the executives of the corporation came from Fagor. As always, a sweeper's vote was worth exactly as much as an executive's when it came to deciding on the reorganisation.

Originally all workers were co-owners, but now a small percentage are employees rather than members of the cooperative. Anyone accepted as a member has to buy his job, since the assets are jointly held. The current price, provided there is a job

available and members of the cooperative accept the candipesetas (£8,000).

Among surprising features of the long-standing Mondragon experiment is its easy association with capitalism. It has its own bank and its own pension funds. It is affibated to a private capitalinvestment company, Filo. The corporation's diversi-

fied output includes consum-er products, industrial and automotive components and engineering and capital equipment. Last year it stimulated the sluggish market



for machine-tools and machinc-tool automation systems by opening several offices in the Far East, where demand continued firm. The group for the assembly of discrete semiconductors, with chips sent from the home plant in

The corporation is constantly expanding even in these hard times, and it plans to inaugurate a large new shopping centre near Bilbao next March. This should be the first of at least 12 "Max Centres" to be established in Spain and administered by the corporation in the next

Eroski, the Mondragón group's food distributor and retailer, will install supermarkets in most of them, and other companies of the group will supply building materials, escalators, lifts and other items. Eroski expects to be one of Spain's three leading food distribution companies

HARRY DEBELIUS

British companies find a warm welcome

come - the Basque inhabitants in this northernmost part of Spain are flatteringly pro-British — there are a number of prestigious industrial companies, as well as some lesserknown firms, that have

already paved the way. Rolls-Royce joined forces with two Spanish government-owned companies, Casa and Bazan, and a privately owned company. Sener, in 1989, to found Indústria de Turbo Propulsores (ITP). Rolls-Royce has a 45 per cent stake in the company and their appointee, Michael Steele, is

deputy chairman. role in research and design, as well as producing engine components for military and civil jer engines. It is working on the controversial European Fighter Aircraft, the Harrier jump-jet, the Boeing 777, the Fokker 100 and the Airbus

At the Ajalvir business park, three miles from Bilbao airport, it has a purpose-built factory which is also geared up to repair and overhaul engines, and has an assembly and engine-testing facility.

The River Tyne is a long way from the Nervion, which

obust British exporters

New markets are waiting to be tapped, and prestige

> flows flattingh, the centre of Bilbao, tet in as smiler prob-lems, and a remarkable link has now been sorged between the two waterways. Basque officials touted Europe in the

early 1980s to investigate the ways in which river pollution was being tackled, and they decided that the fleshods used by the Northambrian Water Authority (NWA) would best meet the needs - of ... the

As a result, 34 municipal authorinhabitants have formed a consortium which is

Doug Shearer, the NWA's general manager of enterprise projects, says: "Although our involvement with the consortium in Bilbao has not earned us vast amounts of money, we value the partnership with people who have become friends. And our link with them has been the spearhead for what is to become our main

companies are leading the way operation in Spain: bidding for contracts to provide water supplies and sewage treatment

plants for municipalities "We signed our first contract in the spring this year in a joint venture with Obrascon to construct seven plants on the outskirts of Madrid. It is essential for British companies wanting to export to Spain to form a partnership with a local firm, but finding

machine tools mainly for the

the right partner Spain looks In the Basque to foreign region that task is made easier by the combined efcompanies forts of Alistair for help McKenzie, the

British consul cleaning up the river with NWA guidance. general, and Joseba Aguirre, the director gen-eral of the Bilbao chamber of commerce. They aim to match prospective British companies with Basque partners, help them locate premises, establish a market or find them skilled employees. At Intermaher, a company importing and distributing

and the compliment is

At its big factory a few miles outside the city centre it uses British tool-making machines manufactured by Wickman's of Coventry for cutting car components, which are then exported to Germany, France and the United States.

products such as fridges and

Mr McKenzie says: "Britain leads the field in investment in the Basque region, and there is plenty more opportunity for us fond of the British, so we start ahead of our compentors. Spain is investing twice the EC average on its infrastructure, and the Spanish look to foreign companies to help them

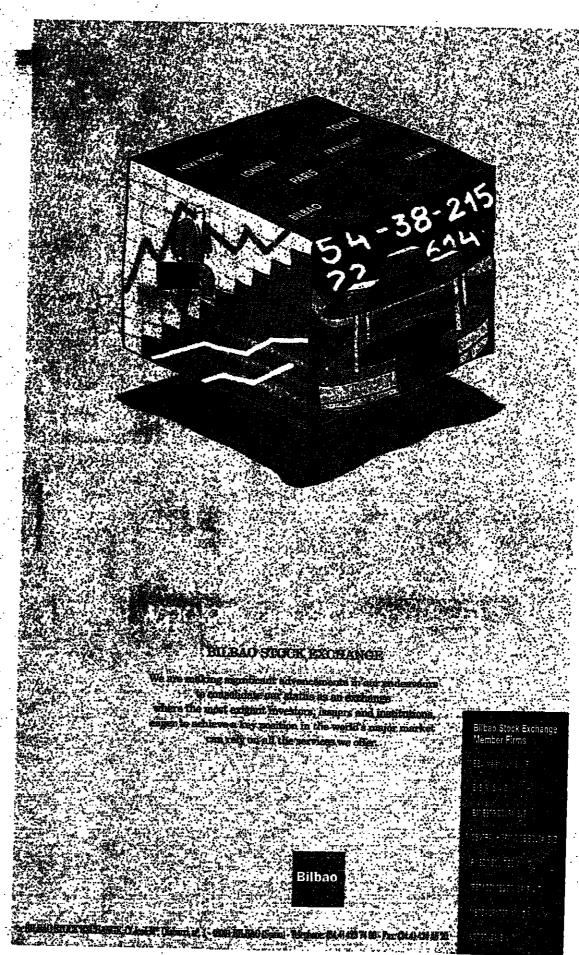
to update themselves. "Investment and fiscal incentives are available. The EC provides grants for job-creation schemes, and Basques are particularly keen on high-technology industries such as medical and scientific equipment, electronic equipment, paper-making and converting equipment, but they are especially interested in anything that helps the environment."

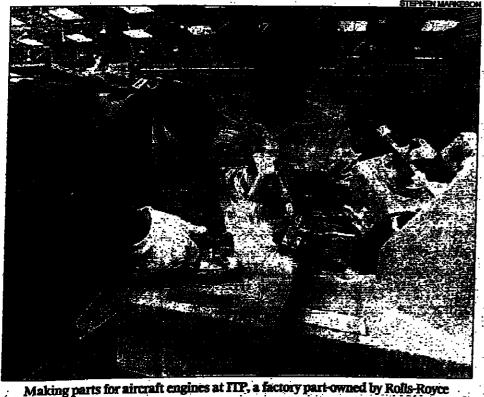
Although some of Britain's traditional industries are well represented, they are by no motor industry, but also for high regard. Household names such as Reckitt & Colman, Silver Cross and Texas Homecare are as familiar to the Basque shopper as they are to Britons.

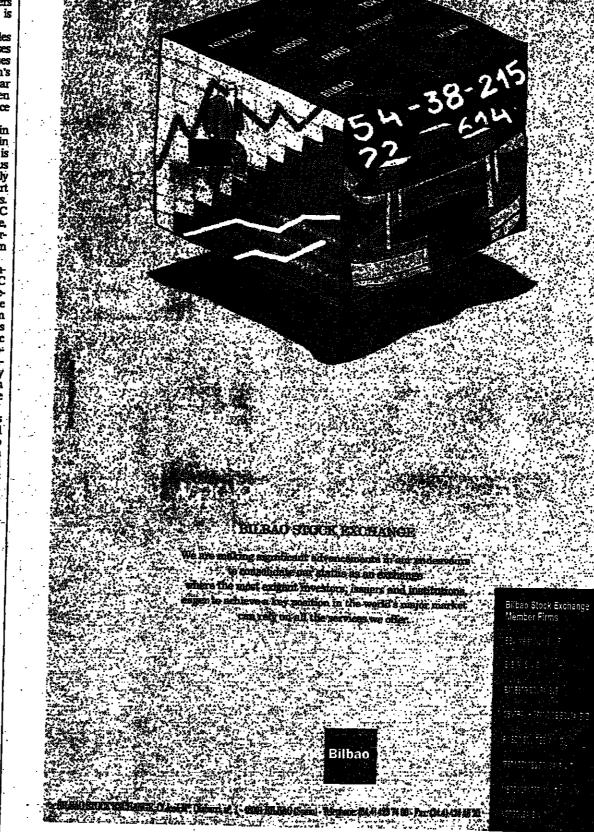
They are relative newcomers to the country, however, compared with Macandrews Shipping, which has operated from Bilbao since 1770. Bilbao is one of the cheapest ports for cargo-handling in the world, and Keith Sessions, the general manager for Spain, says that there has been a 30 per cent increase in exports from the United Kingdom to Spain in recent years. Next year, the export of

computers, steel, whisky and gin by ship is likely to be complemented by growth in the tourist trade because a new port is being built in Bilbao's estuary. P&O European Ferries, in partnership with a Spanish company, hopes to start a twice-weekly ferry service to either Portsmouth or Southampton.

HEATHER KIRBY









Gipuzkoa the living image of San Sebastian



long the Basque Coast, the sun and the mountains surround the city of San Sebastian, Gipuzkoa's capital and the key center of the Province's life. It's known as "The Bay of Biscay's Pearl" because nature was highly generous with this small city of one hundred and seventy thousand inhabitants, which was mostly gained to the sea. The "Concha" -the shell- which is the name of one of its three beaches, represents its unmistakable symbol, its introduction card to the world. A friend of the sun, which outlines its elegant silhouette, and of the rain, which shrouds it whith a nostalgic and discreet enchantment, it turns arrogant at the sight of the wild waves of the Bay of Biscay in an attempt to win back their lost ground.

Gipuzkoa, the living image of San Sebastian, was able to preserve its traditions, its customs and its cultural wealth all along history, but being always open to future. to new trends and to the most advanced theories. Its nearness to Europe, in a crossroads, has marked the open and happy nature of Gipuzkoa's people, always ready to welcome the visitor. San Sebastian can be visited at any time of the year, as it's always tempting. It offers beauty, but also a wide range of cultural, social and sports events, in which international ones combine with the most deeply-rooted Basque events. Gastronomy is another main course among Gipuzkoa's attractions. The Basque Country in general, and Gipuzkoa in particular, stand out by their outstanding quality of life, by the enterprising nature of people shown in relevant industrial and business activities, and also, undoubtledly, by an internationally acknowledged delicious cuisine.

Summer vacations was conceived in San Sebastian in the nineteenth century. When the twenty-first century comes, the city will still be the meeting point par excellence of different people, ideas and nations. San Sebastian, in the same way as Gipuzkoa, has a secret which is only revealed when it's known.

Rural Basque sports offer several modes, such as log cutting, stone lifting, stone dragging, etc. beaches, the "Concha" and "Ondarreta", are found.

The Palace of the "Diputación Foral" (County Council), the seat of local Gipuzkoa's Government, a magnificent classical construction build in 1.883.

Gastronomic choice of San Sebastian is considered as the best in the Basque Country.

Racetrack of San Sebastian, where horse race meetings are held in the Summer and Winter seasons.

Gipuzkoa's folklore is very rich and diverse, mostly based on ritual dances.

Located on the European axis, the Province of Gipuzkoa enjoys an up-to-date road network.

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Steeled for restructuring

h hundreds of stea orkers last month walked more than 300 miles from the Basque Country to Madrid to demonstrate outside the ministry of industry, their protest was heard as far away as Brussels, where the European Commission is lanning drastic measures to modernise the industry. They were taking part in the March of Iron", an attempt to save their jobs in the face of a restructuring plan that began in 1989 and is now in

In Madrid, they were joined by coal miners from Asturias, who face pit closures, and by unemployed shipyard workers and on October 26 they held a demonstration on the Castellana avenue, the city's main north-south artery, that halted traffic for hours. The protesters received more applause than abuse from the people of Madrid.

The demonstration gave a dramatic pointer to the difficulties faced by heavy industry in the Basque Country, as elsewhere. Iron and steel and shipbuilding have traditionally been the two main employers in the region, as well as important generators of indirect employment. There is now a glut of steel on the world market, however, and shipbuilding has also gone into

In recent years, shipbuild-ing has yielded its place of prominence to the renovated machine-tools industry and electronics as the Basque economy has taken on a more modern aspect. More than 75 per cent of Spain's manufacturing of machine tools takes place in the Basque Country.

Heavy industry faces problems,

ter of industry, commerce and

tourism, refused to talk about

the numbers to be laid off.

before finally agreeing merely to discuss compensation and

When the marchers got

back home, however, they

received some comfort from

Jon Azúa, the deputy premier

of the Basque regional govern-

ment. Speaking from Brussels

after talks with the Commis-

sion, he claimed to have re-

ceived a commitment from Sir Leon Brittan, the vice-presi-

dent of the EC, that the

demand for cutbacks in Span-

ish iron and steel works would

not affect the mini-mill

One difficulty is that the

Basque economy still depends

to a great extent on relatively big companies. According to

Basque government figures,

companies with 500 or more

employees represent only 1 per cent of the total, yet they employ 32 per cent of the

industrial workers. Only 23

companies employ 1,000 or

more employees. The two big-

planned for Sestao.

early retirement conditions.

incorporate the latest technol-

However, they still have to convince the Commission. which has been pressing for a more drastic reduction in steelmaking and the scrapping of the idea of producing special steel products in Sestao. And there has been less sympathy for their views in Madrid. After the demonstra-



another and won a world listing

Banking analysts expressed doubts when Banco de Bilbao became the first Spanish bank to merge with another, Banco de Vizcaya, in 1988. This was largely because both banks' origins were Basque, and there was duplication in their

In October, however, IBCA, a London-based bank-rating agency, ranked Banco Bilbao Vizcava (BBV) seventh of the world's top 300 banks for profitability in 1991, a demonstration, yet again, of how competent some Basque Country enterprises can be-

Since the 1988 merger, the number of branches has been cut from 3,370 to 2,770, of which 157 are outside Spain, and the number of employees reduced by 5.000.

There has also been a change of chairman. José Angel Sanchez Asain, who was reputed to be the Spanish private banker closest to the Madrid government of Felipe Gunzalez, was ousted as chairman in 1989, even though he had been the merger's archineer. He was replaced by Emilio Ybarra, a member of

the Bilbao establishment and a man with less affinity to the ruling socialist party (PSOE). Meanwhile.

BEV has become Spain's leading private bank in foreign currency dealings and a world leader in

pereta dealings. It is also a market leader in Spain in syndicate loans. And it was the iirsi Spanish bank to launch a superfondo, a unit trust with attractive tax incentives, which was an entirely new product in the Spanish markets. Today the bank is consid-

ered the most European of Spain's private banks because of its extensive branch network in Britain, France, Italy, Bel-Germany, The Netherlands. Switzerland. Austria and, most recently, Pernugal. Though BBV now has 140 branches in the Basque region, it now has more brunches in each of several other Spanish regions: Galicia, Andalusia, Valencia, Madrid and Catalonia.

it is still an important presence, however, For instance, trading by BBV Interactivos, the bank's brokerage firm, accounted for 73.3 per cent of all trading on the Bilhao stock exchange in September. The exchange, founded in 1890, now ranks third in Spain in terms of the volume of its trade (9 per cent of the total) after Madrid (\$0

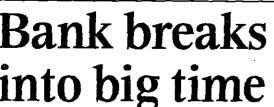
and workers are

protesting, writes Harry Debelius

However, despite efforts to ogy, 1991 was one of the toughest years in recent times for the sector, as sales fell by almost 25 per cent to the lowest level in five years.

The Basque Country de-pends heavily on industry. which is responsible for 45 per cent of its gross domestic product, compared with 25 per cent for Spain as a whole. Basque officials and businessmen are worried about the prospect of the elimination of their steel industry, which pro-duces 20 per cent of the region's GDP, as a result of EC policies, only to find that EC competitors move in once they have dismantled their own plants.

They also believe that there is still a niche for Basque manufacturing of steels, once the Altos Hornos de Vizcaya (AHV) plant in Bilbao has been fully restructured, and a plant producing special steels has been built in nearby Sestao.



The Banco de Bilbao merged with

per cent) and Barcelona (10 per cent). operation in the history of the Bilbao stock exchange was the

absorption by Iberduero, the Basque Country's electrical utility, of the shares of Hidrola, another northern electrical utility, which resulted in the creation of Spain's biggest privately owned utility. Hi Holding, and one of the largest electrical utilities in Europe.

As a corollary, BBV has strengthened its presence in the energy sector, as it owned 8 per cent of Iberduero and 4 per cent of Hidrola, and these were the biggest single shareholdings in these companies. So BBV now has management control at the new HI Holding group.

BBV's industrial strategy

according to the bank's spokesman, is to have an 'active" presence in areas such as energy and petrol, communications and leisure, new technologies, and food and distribution. This strategy means in practice that the bank speculates in these areas. buying and selling holdings depending on

Exchange now ranks third in Spain

So, while the bank was prepared to spend 296 billion pese-tas (£1.7 billion) last year creating HI Holding, las

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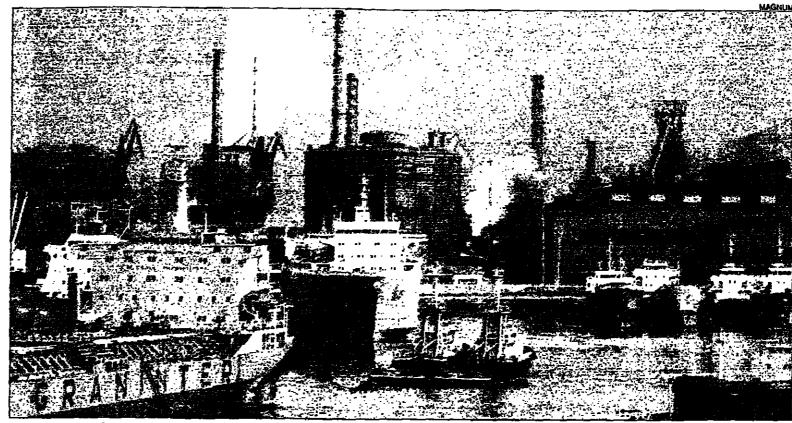
month it sold, for more than 30 billion peseras (£171 million), 100 per cent of Kas and 70 per cent of Kesa, two Basque soft-drinks companies, to Pepsico of the United States. In addition, BBV sold two

subsidiary banks. Banco de Credito y Ahorro and Banco de Extremadura, in 1991, and divested 67 per cent of a publishing company specialising in encyclopaedias.

Since its origins, Banco de Bilbao - although not Banco de Vizcaya - has had a strong industrial vocation, and BBV today has holdings in 19 Basque companies.

For the present, selling of holdings at a time of economic recession can be useful as a way of boosting results, and last year BBV made extraordinary gains of 71.2 billion pesetas (about £407 million) doing this. On the other hand, it did not sell any holdings during the first nine months of this year, and, partly as a result, the bank's consolidated profits fell 20 per cent com-pared with the period January-October 1991.

JANE MONAHAN



The docks at Bilbao: a key factor in the Basque Country's industrial programme despite the decline of local shipbuilding

gest employers are the Iberdrola electric power company, with 6,607 employees,

and AHV. with 6.500. Other sectors are, however, demonstrating their competitiveness, among them large household appliances, which account for 6 per cent of the

sure, wine from the Basque corner of the Rioja district, industrial piping, fisheries and freight-handling.

Transfesa, one of Spain's leading firms in the business of combined truck-train shipping, is in the later phase of negotiations to operate its own

by the Spanish national railway network in the Basque Country, in the first step towards privatisation of the

money-losing railway system. Earlier this month, Señor Azua said that 1992 would be the final year of the big restructuring projects. The Basque Country's industrial edged sword. Unless its industry can compete in Europe, the

economy can only get worse. Both the authorities and businessmen are aware of this and of the need for constant innovation. No other Spanish region has paid closer attention to the need for research

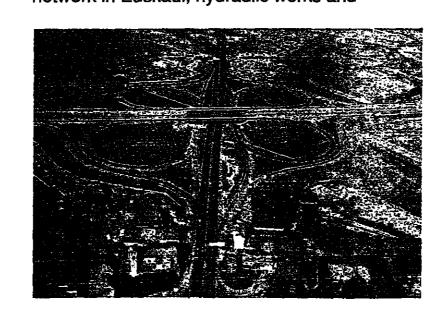
government's industrial plan for the period 1991-1995 anticipates the creation of 65,000 jobs and the investment of 700 billion pesetas (about £4 billion). In this period, 1.5 per cent of the GDP is to be dedicated to

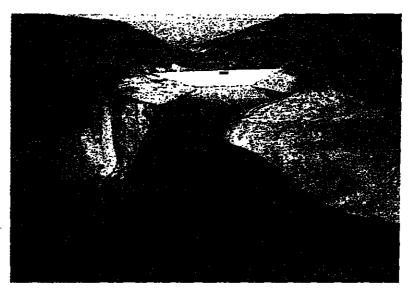
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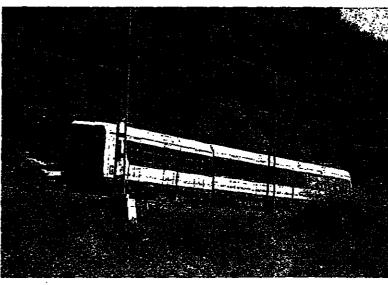


THE BASQUE COUNTRY **FACES ITS FUTURE**

It is up to all the Basques to achieve Euskadi's complete integration in Europe by 1993. The Basque Government and "Diputaciones Forales" (County Councils) have been getting a special plan in motion since 1989 in order to improve the structure of both transport and communications facilities and to achieve greater cohesion and social solidarity. The Special Euskadi Europe 93 Plan envisages a series of improvements covering the railway system, motorway, highways, ports, airports and integrated transport centres. Its aim is to promote Euskadi's role as the strategic axis linking Spain with the rest of Europe. Likewise, the Plan stresses an improvement of resources in the areas of telecommunications, office equipment and telematics, and the fulfilment of other important projects such as the creation of an industrial and commercial gas network in Euskadi, hydraulic works and

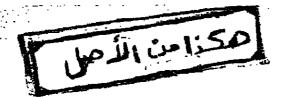






environmental protection and enrichment. But that's not all. It is the Basque Gouvernment's belief that a nation's economic prosperity is incompatible with situations of social inequality and discrimination. Because of this, one of the objectives of the special plan is to fight against poverty through a series of measures including monetary aids, a welfare network and paying special attention to social hardship cases. The countdown has already started. The Basque Country faces its future now.





Jewels in the land of rolling hills

t is not hard to see why the Basque Country and its people remained remote from the rest of Europe for thousands of years. It is a land of rolling grees. 'ills, often rising to rugged moun. In peaks, and the Basques built is it baseris, the large sprawling tarmhouses that sheltered both animals and farm families, on the slopes of isolated

Today many of the valleys carry the scars of the industrial revolution, which came to the Basque Country, with its iron mines, long before most of the rest of Spain. Much is unspoilt, however, and there are beautiful spots to be found, both along the coast, where the hills drop down to the sea and there are small fishing resorts, and

There are dolmens and prehis-toric cave paintings for the historically minded, while two arms of the Camino de Santiago, the route taken by pilgrims in the Middle Ages on their way to Santiago de Compostela, passed through the Basque Country, leaving a wealth of little churches with Romanesque and Gothic detail.

The jewel of the Basque coast is San Sebastián (Donostia in Basque), a resort that became known in the last century, when the Spanish royal family began to go there in the summer. It still has an Edwardian character, with its broad promenade, complete with wrought-iron railing, that follows the line of its lovely, semi-circular bay. The main beach is known as La Concha, the shell.

San Sebastián has hotels and

The region offers the tourist a wealth

of charm and

history, reports **Peter Strafford**

palaces dating back to its days of grandeur before the first world war. It also has a lively old quarter, rebuilt in 1813 after a fire, with narrow streets, bars, and restaurants serving the fish and seafood in which Basque cuisine specialises.

Every autumn it has a film festival which ranks with those of Cannes, Berlin and Venice, and prides itself on providing a showplace for independent films.

There are hotels and palaces dating back to its days of grandeur

Further west is Zarautz, another beach resort made fashionable by royal patronage in the 19th century, and beyond that a rocky coast dotted with fishing villages. Most are picturesque, and they retain visible marks of a long past. This was one of the arms of the Camino de Santiago, and solid little churches dominate several of the

One of the most colourful is Getaria, perched on a steep promontory above its harbour, with narrow cobbled streets. Getaria was the home of Juan Sebastian Elcano, a Basque who took over command of Magellan's ship when Magellan was murdered in the Philippines in 1522, and became the first ship's captain to circumnavigate the globe. The little town is full of statues recording this feat.

Further on, along the dramatic coast road, are Zumaia, lying at the mouth of the river Urola, with a 15th-century church and the house of Ignácio Zuloaga, the 20thcentury Basque painter, now a museum; and Deba, on the river of the same name, where the porch of the church has a particularly fine carved Gothic tympanum. Guernica or, in Basque, Gernika.

is a short way inland, and is a haunting place made famous by the bombing attack that destroyed it in 1937 during the Spanish Civil War, and the painting of the scene by Picasso. Most of the town is new, but there is a peaceful spot where the remains of the tree under which the elders of Vizcaya used traditionally to meet have been preserved. There are monumental sculptures by Eduardo Chillida, the Basque artist, and Henry Moore.

Further inland is the Basque capital of Vitoria, Gasteiz in Basque. Here the Duke of Wellington won one of the battles of the Peninsular War in 1813, and the victory is recorded in a monument in one of the squares. Vitoria is much older than that, however. and the old part of the city, perched on a hilltop, is a network of narrow

The harbour at Getaria: birthplace of Juan Sebastian Elcano, captain of the first ship to circumnavigate the globe

and old townhouses.

This was the other arm of the Camino de Santiago, and the Romanesque church of Estibaliz is nearby. A few miles across the broad Alava plain is the little church of Gaceo, where some

streets running between churches and old townhouses.

superb Gothic murals were discovered in 1967, and the old town of Salvatierra, where elaborately carved coats of arms decorate the fronts of the main houses.

Bilbao, the largest city in the Basque Country, is at first sight an by heavy industry and the docks. But its Fine Arts Museum has a good collection of early Spanish paintings, as well as others by El Greco, Zurbaran, Murillo, Ribera and Velázquez; it also has more contemporary works by Basque artists, including Zuloaga. The

Bilbao opera house has performances of an international

In years to come, Bilbao will have even more to offer when a large

Cooking is among the passions of the Basque people, and the dishes they produce are renowned well beyond Spain

ome people collect stamps as a hobby: some people ride horses. In the Basque Country, the favourite hobby is eating. The 3.500 restaurants in the region, most of them ranging from good to outstanding, do not seem to be enough to serve the population of little more than two million.

Harry Debelius writes. To make up for what the Basques apparently consider a dearth of places to eat out, there are well over a thousand gastronomic societies: men's clubs where the members meet at least once a week and take turns cooking, trying to outdo each other in

producing delicious food. Following a tradition of at least a century and a half, the average society has about fifty members, and its headquarters consists of well-equipped

Of the hundred or so gastronomic societies in the province of Alava. only one is a women's club. All the rest are closed to

females, although in some, such as the 39-year-old Zaldiarán Recreational Society in Vitoria. women and children are allowed to visit the society's headquarters on Saturdays and Sundays. They can also go on the occasional outings which usually have some food-related purpose, such as picking berries or mushrooms. Visiting rights for women (but not membership) were approved by the

society 15 years ago. Julio Hidalgo, aged 69, one of the founders of the Zaldiarán Society and now its oldest mem-ber, recalls: "When I first joined, we voted against having a tele-

Good eating is a serious matter

phone. Eventually a majority voted for it, and that barrier fell. When television became popular in Spain, we held out against installing a television set. That barrier fell too, because the members wanted to watch the football games. Then there was the question of women being present here. That barrier

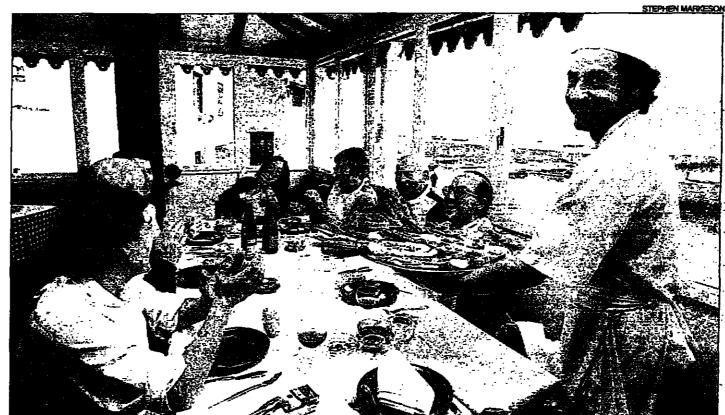
As he savoured an excellent red Rioja from the society's stock of unlabelled bottles, Señor Hidalgo mused about what the world is coming to and who is responsible for the current state of affairs. But he said nothing, for one rule

the prohibition politics at the society's headquarters. Or perhaps he was musing about the prize he won for his garlic soup at one of the annual contests in which the societies

compete against each other. The speciality on the night when I ate as a guest of the society was a superb. delicately flavoured, flat-capped grey mushroom known as the pardillo, simply sautéed in olive oil with some garlic and parsley. Delectable as the pardillo was, there was general agreement at the table that no mushroom can match the perretako, which un-

Eating is so important in the Basque Country that according to Javier Blanco Herranz, the deputy councillor for tourism, many tour-

fortunately is in season only in the



Freshly caught and cooked: seafood has always been an important ingredient of Basque cooking, and the food is a tourist draw

French, book restaurants before arriving in the region. A survey carried out at Expo '92, the recent world's fair in Seville, showed that its cuisine is the Basque Country's third biggest tourist attraction, surpassed only by the

particularly among the lovely city of San Sebastián, with its belle epoque architecture, and the lush green mountainous

> While Basque men have always had a hankering for the hearth, it is the grandmothers who are responsible for conserving and

handing down the classic recipes. according to Patri Antón, the director of the official Vitoria-

Gasteiz Catering School. Traditional Basque cooking is not a complex and highly elaborate type of cuisine for the elite," he says, "but a relatively simple

cuisine, deeply rooted in all levels of society, which can be just as exquisite in a gastronomic society or the most humble of homes as in

the best restaurants.

"It is based on the quality of the raw materials used, which have no need for sophisticated

disguises, and on the essential determination to get everything

just right."

Although every Spanish region has its special dishes. Basque cooking is the best known. A group of Basque cooks is now in Japan for a gastronomic fair at Tokyo's Imperial Hotel to show off their native fare, and, according to Señor Blanco, an exchange pro-gramme in which Basque and Japanese cooks would learn each other's art is being seriously

considered. Seafood has always been an important ingredient of Basque cooking, accompanied by the best vegetables from the narrow, fertile valleys of Guipizcoa and Vizcaya and the riverside vegetable gardens of Alava, a province which does not touch the sea.

The sharp relief of the land makes it harder to raise livestock, and so meat, although an ingrediprominent than fish. Even so, big veal chops from cattle reared in the Pyrenees, tender young lamb from sheep that have spent their short lives grazing on the steep green slopes, and tasty free-range chickens are some of the prime

ingredients. Among the many popular Basque dishes are sweet peppers stuffed with cod, bass in a hot green-pepper sauce, sirloin with Idiazabal cheese sauce. baked turbot on a bed of fresh vegetables cooked in pure olive oil, and hake in cider or parsley

The desserts include fruit. above all apples; curdled milk with honey and, sometimes, walnuts: Basque cake, made with rum. raisins and egg yolks; and cheeses. The most widely known cheese is the smokey Idiazabal, made from

The old and the new in Rioja

Men vie with

each other

to produce

delicacies

ome excellent wines are pro-duced in the Basque Country. They come from a small, but productive corner of the big Rioja district which is called the Rioja Alavesa, and lies in the south of the province of Alava. Although less than a fifth of the

446 square miles of vineyards that grow in the Rioja district are in the Rioja Alavesa, more than a third of all Rioja wine is matured there. and it includes some of Spain's best-known wineries. All the wines from the Rioja

district share certain characteristics. They are made almost exclusively from the same varieties of grapes — tempranillo for reds and viura for whites. Nearly all go through a similar process of vini-

The leading wineries have all incorporated the latest technology. In the Rioja Alavesa, none is more up-to-date than Bodegas Campillo at Laguardia. There, I watched a pair of big hydropneumatic presses spin gently as a screw-like device in an inclined trough lifted the grapes up to them, separating the stems in the process.

On each side and behind me, in the high-ceilinged ground floor of a multi-storey building, stood 24 tall stainless-steel tanks, in each of which 50,000 litres of grape juice were fermenting. Gauges marked the temperature inside each, so that it could be brought down if it

On another floor, in an upstairs "cellar", wine was soaking up flavour from the wood of 6,000 Technology has not

displaced the traditional wine-

treading dance barrels which stretched into the

dim distance, stacked four high. Elsewhere in the winery, brick arches vaulted over the impressive "cemetery", the repository of two million nearly stacked bottles, where the wine goes through its

last stage of maturation. Very different is the small traditional bodega that is run by Jesús Baigorri, and was run by his father and his grandfather before him. The vines around the town of Villabuena were red and yellow in

late October, the end of the grape harvesting season. when Señor Baigorri showed me through his neat but noisy little

"I produce about 90,000 bottles a year and it's all sold to the same customers restaurants," he said. "Watch your

their feet'

When I looked through one of several large rectangular openings in the floor, I saw two men, clad in shorts and stained T-shirts, stomping in unison as if they were performing some kind of a dance. They were laughing, with their arms linked for balance, as they



Harvesting the crop: a worker gathers in a basket of grapes

pressed a mountain of red grapes in a deep cement vat, while an-other man with a pitchfork kept piling them up beneath the squeez-I asked how the men could work

in that closed space, considering the gases given off by the fermenting fruit, and Señor Baigorri gestured towards another large hole in the floor. opening into the 'A man piles

same vat. Provisionally mounted grapes beneath there, humming away. was a big turbine-type fan. The hum was

part of a cacophony of sound coming from the shouted remarks of the treaders. the motor of a tractor outside the big open doorway, and the loud clank-clank of machinery

somewhere below. "It's my only concession to technology," he said of the fan. "In my father's day, these vats were completely open at the top, but I felt there was too much evaporation that way. Also, by covering them, I

can keep things cleaner. You have to keep out unwanted bacteria, moulds and the like, or the wine might spoil."

He pointed out with pride that there were no stainless steel cooling tanks. There were also no wooden barrels. "My wine tastes fruitier," be said. "Wood is fine for those who want it. I like the flavour of my wine aged in the bottle."

Two floors down, I saw the origin of the incessant clanking: an old gravity press, lowering its heavy iron plate one deafening notch at a time to press grape stems. "We never use a press for the grapes," shouted my host.

Which wine is better? Campillo gran reserva 1978 and Campillo reserva 1981, both red wines, are listed in the honour roll of the Guia de Vinos Gourmets, the most authoritative annual Spanish wine catalogue. Señor Baigorri's 1987 vintage red, like wines from many other tiny bodegas, has not yet been discovered by the gourmets, but it should be.

Helping to keep the farmer on the land

Tor centuries, the Basques have made their living as fishermen, and today Basques make up a substantial part of the the Spanish fleet. Many stayed at home to work the land, however, and it is still easy to find the traditional Basque farms, with big white houses, or baserris, perched on round green hills with a flock of sheep in front.

They look good on postcards, but they are not as charming when you get up close. In many cases, they offer only a marginal living for the families who work on them, and they lack not only modern conve-niences, but social and cultural facilities as well. The farms are small, and the terrain is generally too mountainous to cultivate

mechanically.

Most of the land is pasture, and typical crops include com for animal fodder, red or white beans, apples (mostly for making cider), pears and hazelnuts. There are few herds of cattle, and the herds are small. Vegetable gardens are small and back-breaking.

The only large extension of flat land is in the province of Alava. where 40 per cent of Spain's potatoes are grown. Here the dimate is continental, unlike the milder climate of the hilly seaside provinces of Guipúzcoa and

The Basque regional government wants to keep the picture, however, and keep the farmer and his wife in the frame as well. "We're talking now more about rural policy than about farm policy, The government plans aid to

families running small farms

thinking more in terms of helping rural residents than helping with the crops." says José Manuel Goikoetxea, the councillor for agriculture and fisheries.

The policy is to link the conservation of the environment with agriculture. The government wants to keep people from abandoning rural areas, and to do this it is trying to make life outside the cities more attractive.

A plan approved last June by the Basque parliament includes an agricultural income assistance programme (PARA), specifically tailored for small-farm families. Families operating viable smallholdings who are deemed capable of improving their competitive position with a little help are eligible for funds.

The PARA budget still has to be approved, but the programme will favour farmers under 55. Between the ages of 55 and 60, its beneficiaries may choose between early retirement and continuing to farm with economic aid. The amount of

aid will, however, be less than that granted to farmers under 55. Also, various incentives are designed to retain young people in rural areas or bring them back to the land. One ingenious idea is the

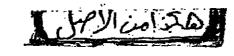
sheep-sitter. It consists of encourag-ing "associations of livestock-tenders' substitutes" to give shepherds and others who have to attend to farm animals regular In a measure designed to speed up the sale or transfer of property

from older farmers to young ones. the agriculture department will set up a kind of estate agency for rural properties, where properties on offer will be matched with young farmers' requests for land. Part of the task consists of setting quality standards and acquiring a

reputation for quality. Señor Goikoetxea's department will establish quality norms for each type of agricultural product, and those which qualify will be entitled to use a new government-backed quality guarantee label. The Basque Country's most exportable agricultural products, ac-

cording to Senor Goikoetxea. include wood, cheese, tinned fish, frozen fish, genetics technology for plants, cider, trakoli (a white wine) and Rioja wine.

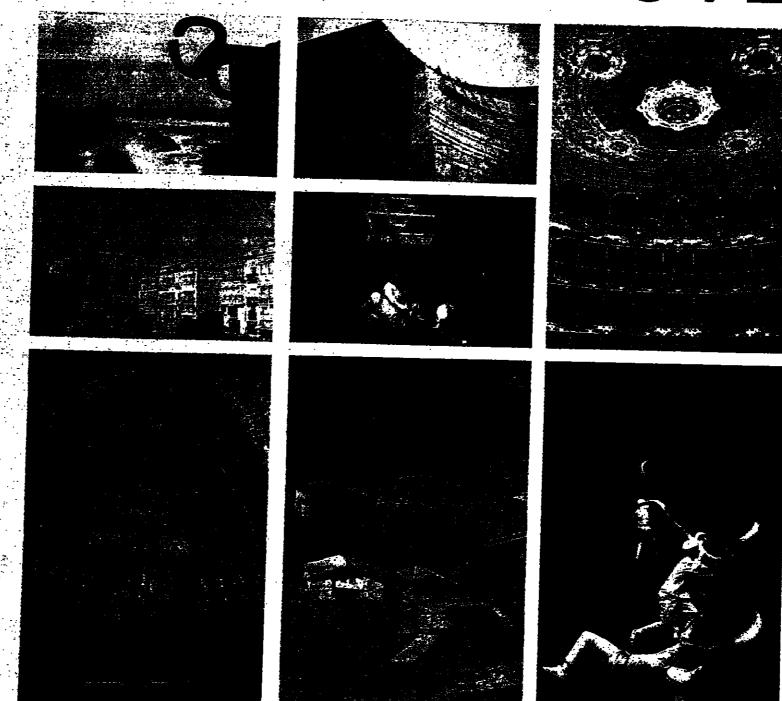
The difficulties of the Basque fisheries are quite different from those of agriculture. There is no lack of a market, since Spain is the biggest consumer of fresh fish by volume in Europe and Spain pays the best prices. The obstacle is restrictions on where, when and how to fish. The number of licences for Spanish vessels to fish in EC waters has grown smaller year by

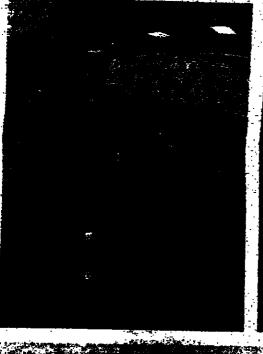


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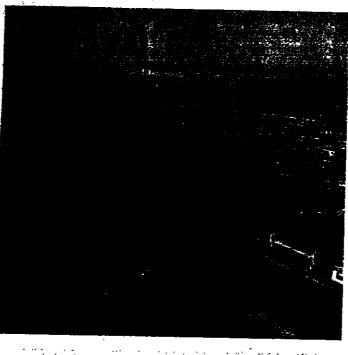
The fascination of the past

The history of the Basques is inextricably bound up with euskara, the ancient Basque language which, elione among European languages, has survived almost unchanged since prehistoric times. The oldest prehistoric remains in the Basque Colority date from the lower Paleolithic, and the first references to settlements in the area take us back to Cromagnon man, some time around 50,000 BC. The exact oringins of the Basques and their unique culture, flourishing today among the younger offshoots of European civilization, remain a mystery. The language and the people have grown together from roots buried deep in the past. The past itself remains a powerful and fascinating presence in the Basque Country: the dolmens, gothic cathedrals, prehistoric cave paintings, superb palaces and renaissance buildings scattered around the country are a constant reminder of a remarkably long and rich history. The birth-place of Ignatius of Loyola, Miguel Unamuno and Eduardo Chillida offers a wide range of cultural interests in fine theatres, concert halls and art exhibitions which provide a showplace for the latest and best in local and international creative work. All this with the added bonus of one of Europe's most remarkable peoples, makers and custodians of an unusual and highly distinctive culture.











Looking to the future

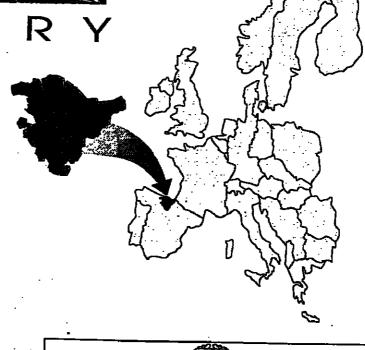
superb geographical setting, rich, fertile countryside and the unending capacity of its inhabitants for hard work: three important reasons that explain why the Basque Country has been a major business and industrial centre for more than a century and why it has dominated the Spanish economy throughout that time.

Today, the unstinting efforts of public institutions and the private sector, fully aware of the need to update technology, to further develop existing communications and telecoms infrastructures, to diversify, to use energy more efficiently and to improve product quality constantly, and, above all, to provide training and recycling programmes to ensure that our workforce moves with the times, are the best guarantee of the Basque Country's capacity to take on its new role as industrial and financial capital of Europe's south western Atlantic seaboard region.

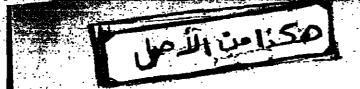


EUSKADI









A world citizen proud of his birth

trio of huge iron tentacles which reach out from the rocks while the sea surges around them, makes a dramatic climax to a walk around the bay of San Sebastián. It is perhaps the most spectacular work of Eduardo Chillida, the Basque sculptor who has travelled and exhibited around the world, but always returns to his

He now lives in a house high above the bay, on the slopes of Monte Igueldo, with magnificent views of the changing marine scene, the shell-shaped beach, and the hotels, palaces and other build-ings behind the Edwardian

"The sea is always perfect," Señor Chillida says. "I have lived in front of it all my life and tried to understand its mystery. When I was 14, and not yet a sculptor, instead of going to school I used to go out on the rocks and wonder where the waves came from. The sea is a power: fantastic. rich, always the same yet different."

He is particularly fascinated by the horizon. It is "the homeland of all men", he says. "We all belong to the place where we were born, but we are brothers in the horizon. When I travel by train or plane, the

he Combs of the Wind, a trio of huge iron tentacles can be seen from everywhere. It is a way to understand human unity."

Señor Chillida, who is 68, was born in San Sebastián, where he has become a public figure. Over the years, he has lived in many other places, in France, Germany and the United States, and, speaking in fluent English, he says he likes to feel a citizen of

> 'I have had a lot of proposals to work on mountains'

the world as well as a Basque artist. For many years, his works have been largely non-figurative, massive, contorted structures in stone and iron, in which he has evolved his own distinctive language of forms. Many are in public places, in Spain and elsewhere, and they are remarkable for the sense of strength and weight they convey, as "I like to do public sculptures," he

says. "They are not for the collector, but for everybody."

His works on display in Spain include a monument to the Basques, Our Father's House, in Guernica, the town demolished by German bombing during the Spanish Civil War, and a labyrinthine design for a square in Vitoria, the capital of the Basque Country, called Square of Basque Rights. Further along the coast at Gijon, in Asturias, a huge concrete horseshoe, called In

huge concrete horseshoe, called In Praise of the Horizon, looks out over the Bay of Biscay.

He has works in Germany, where he designed House of Goethe for Frankfurt, and where a monument to the Peace of Westphalia, which ended the Thirty than the state of the stat Years' War, is to be inaugurated in Münster next summer, and others in France, Finland and the United States. The Annely Juda gallery in London is exhibiting Chillida sculptures and drawings now.

Senor Chillida is both poetic and philosophical about his sculpture.
"An artist must do the things he is unable to know," he says. "He must do the impossible." And in a reference to Heraclitus, the ancient Greek philosopher, he says: "You can never do the same thing twice. Time has moved on."



The sea is always perfect," says Eduardo Chillida, sitting on the rocks by the Combs of the Wind at San Sebastian

is a monument to Hokusai, the Japanese artist, which will be set in the foothills of Mount Fuji, near Tokyo, when it is finished next year. discovered Hokusai when I was living in Paris in 1948," he ime has moved on." says enthusiastically, "and have Señor Chillida's next big project already paid tribute to him in a

which I did in 1972.

"My new work will have one element, weighing 15 tons, in steel. and five others, each eight metres high, in concrete. It will be set in relation to Mount Fuji, and will be Further ahead is an even bigger, do a work on a big scale within a less well-defined project. Senor mountain, for which he would get Chillida quotes Jorge Guillen, the people to create space by removing Spanish poet, who was a friend of his: "Lo profundo es el aire", air is depth, and says that that gave him the idea of putting space deep within stone. He would now like to

people to create space by removing the rock.

"I have had a lot of mountain proposals," he says, "from the north of Europe to Sicily. I shall



Test of strength: stone-lifting in the plaza at San Sebastián

Strenuous contests are a Basque speciality, and people often gamble enormous sums when backing their local heroes

their chests and shoulders - the

The great heroes of the sport

true sons of the jentillak perhaps.

Sports to prove a man's strength

hen a speaker at a recent tourism conference described the Basque people as "given to gambling, lifting heavy stones, eating late and drinking a pint", there were growls of anger from the region. To other Spaniards, however, the Basque love of excess, of pushing them-selves until they drop, is the characteristic that most sets them apart.

It is fair to say that the Basques also have several traditional pastimes in which skill and intelligence are more important than brute force or excess. Notable among these are a wide range of dances, and bersolari poetry which is composed ad hoc in Basque to suggested subjects and rhythms.

Other Spaniards, however, like the Basques to be what they imagine them to be: stone-lifters, gamblers and late-night eaters and drinkers. Since the Basques do have some extraordinarily hardy country sports, and many of them do take an obvious delight in consuming large amounts of food and drink, it can be argued that they have only themselves to blame.

One detects, in any case, a certain pride among them for this reputation for toughness. Local legends depict early Basques as a tribe of jentillak, mountain giants given to throwing rocks around for fun and, in one story, coming down the mountain to rout Charle-

remember that Goya was also

The founding of the artists'

association, very soon after this

heartfelt cry, gave Zuloaga an

opportunity to bear witness to

his Basqueness, and he sup-

norted the association from

of Basque ancestry.

magne's army at Ibaneta in 776. The most striking evidence of Basque hardiness comes from the local sports, celebrated in yearround competitions across the region. Many of these are tests of old rural skills - speed and proficiency. in wielding an axe or a scythe, or in

working animals - and most have

one thing in common: endurance. Basque sport is very harsh. It's about force and stamina," explains Andrés Osa, who covers these sports for Egin, the radical Basque-language newspaper. Aizkolari axemen, for instance, perch on top of tree trunks 5ft-thick which they have to cut in half. They sniff at similar trials in Australia,

which last a mere ten minutes. In the Basque Country," says Rafael Aguirre, an expert on the sports, "it is not a serious test if it is less than half an hour's work." Similarly, scythe-wielding segalaris are expected to keep cutting grass for up to two hours.

Perhaps the most spectacular, and certainly the most famous, of these Basque sports is that of the stone-lifting arrijasotzales. These muscular men grapple with huge chunks of rock, heaving them on to

become legends across Spain. Iñaki Perurena, the current champion and record-holder with a 315kg (694lb) lift, makes a tidy living from his performances. Others have gone on to take their brawn and stamina into the boxing ring.

The most spectacular game is Jai Alai, called the world's fastest sport by its promoters

One of the best known, José Manuel Ibar "Urtain", the gentle giant, went on to become a European champion.

While these sports look exhausting enough on their own, they are often combined in combination events. "Some include five sports, with the tests carried out continuously, one after another. They can take more than half a day," Senor Osa explains.

Basque sports have maintained

their popularity, as the crowds out for last weekend's Basque rockpulling championship in Avala showed, despite the move away from the traditional economy. based on the caserio, or farmhouse, from which they sprang.

One explanation for this is the presence of corredores, the bookies. Standing between the crowd and

the event, they call out the odds and take in the bets. In the court ballgame of pelota, for instance, the bets are often thrown around the speciator allery in tennis balls siit open down the middle.

Pelota is more recognisably a sport as the rest of the world understands the term, but its origins are unknown. Played on a rectangular court open down one of its long sides, it takes different forms, using anything from the hand to sticks or tennis rackets. The most speciacular is Jai Alai, called the world's fastest sport by its promoters. It is played with short, scooped baskets strapped to

In the Basque Country, huge sums of money are wagered at even small local tournaments. Often the sportsmen themselves have most to

gain or lose, since one may throw down the gauntlet to another in a desafio, or challenge, backed with cash. "These can easily go up to two or three million pesetas [E15,000]," says Señor Osa.

While these sports are kept alive with bening money, they also represent for Basques a chance to revisit the rural roots on which their supposedly embattled culture is based. Another chance to do this comes between January and April each year when the cider farms open for the tasting season.

At Jose Miguel Bereciartua's farm in the province of Guipuzcoa.

for instance, 500 pesetas (£3) buys you as much as you can drink. "Here people can bring their own chuletas [chops] which we prepare. or we make them a tortilla de bacalao [cod omelette]," he says. The cider-tasting season dates back to the days when restaurateurs eties would come to choose their year's supplier. Now they have been joined by ordinary Basques, not ones to miss a good excuse for

eating and drinking. Diners queue up under which ever of the vast floor-to-calling barrels is to be tasted, and fill up glasses and jugs, leaving the tap open between turns and the cider to spill on to the warehouse floor.

GILES TREMLETT

Art that sets oreigners tend to be impatient with the insistence of the Scots, the Irish and the Welsh that they are not English. Basques have the Basques a similar way of insisting that they are not Spanish, and it is often difficult to draw a clear line between artists who are indisputably Spanish and apart those who come from the

Basque Country, writes John Russell Tavlor.. A composer like José Maria Usandizaga (1887-1915), for instance, is surely Spanish: did he not write one of the most famous of Spanish light op-eras. Las Golondrinas? A sculptor like Eduardo Chillida (born 1924), or a painter like Ìgnacio Zuloaga (1870-1945). has generally been understood

Spain, rather than any particular part of it. Yet all these famous Spani-ards sprang from the Basque country, and that they are now seen as Basque artists is a demonstration of the changes that have taken place since the death of General Franco.

abroad as an artist from

Each artist receives his emotional colouring from the manner and place of his upbringing, and in Zuloaga's case it was foreign ignorance that defined the colour-

Spanish, rather than specifically Basque.
The Basques did not selfconsciously invent a national identity. With their distinctive language, it has always existed, understood by the natives but virtually ignored by the rest of the world.

Moreover the Basque tradition is particularly strong in painting and the graphic arts, much of it depicting local folk-lore and traditions. The elegant gouaches of scenes of peasant life by José Arrue Valle (1885-1977) give an unmis-takable local twist to international art nouveau conventions. The early oil paintings of similar scenes by Valentin

de Zubiaurre Aguirrezábal (1879-1963) pioneer the clearcut graphic realism which was to become a dominant force internationally after the first

And the tradition continues. One of the most admired of living Basque painters, Agustin Ibarrola (born 1930), has found his own highly individual way of fusing elements of local folklore, derived particularly from the peasant dwellings of the Basque Country, with elements of graphic abstraction to create his own sort of native, deconstructed

If the movement for Basque self-definition in art had any offi-**Emphasis** cial beginning, it must have been on local the foundation in 1912 of the Asocifolklore ación de Artistas Vascos. The nat-

ional feelings behind such an organisation did not begin there, however. Four years earlier Zuloaga, the most famous of all Basque painters and one who had already won an international reputation. had written to his friend and fellow Basque, Miguel de Unamuno, the philosopher: They have often reproached me in our country for being a bad Basque. I feel myself to be Basque in the marrow of my

bones, and love my native land as much as anybody." He might have added that if one reason some Basques doubted his local identity was that his work showed devotion to such "international" artists as Goya, then his critics should

when the Fine Arts Museum of Bilbao acquired, by public subscription, an important painting by him, Doña Rosita, with the clear intention that it should be the cornerstone of a collection of specifically Basque art.

There have always been hotheads who have felt that success outside the Basque Country is a betrayal. Many of Zuloaga's paintings, particu-larly the landscapes, were clearly Basque in subject matter. But it would have been unrealistic to insist on too nationalistic a tone in his portraits, because a painter like Zuloaga was bound to have commissions from other

n a year when Seville has had its Expo '92, Barce lona its Olympic Games and Madrid has been Europe's cultural capital, Bilbao, the main city of the Basque region, has not been entirely neglected. In February, the Basque regional government reached an agreement with the Solomon Guggenheim Foundation in New York to build a brand-new Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao. It will be the Basque Country's first modern art museum, and the Guggenheim's second in Europe, after Peggy Guggen-

heim's in Venice. The agreement, which turns on a large loan of paintings from the Guggenheim collec-

Showcase for the moderns in Bilbao

players' hands.

arts project undertaken in the Basque region since Bilbao's Fine Arts Museum was built

At current exchange rates the total cost of the project is £117.6 million, and of this £60.7 million, or more than half, is due to be spent on the

pressive a building as Frank Lloyd Wright's Guggenheim Museum in New York For both these reasons, the high cost of the project and the striking presence of the building the Basque government is locating the museum in a depressed part of Bilbao, on the left bank of the River Nervion, and making it part of a programme to improve the infrastructure of the city centre. Altogether, an area of more than 20 acres is to be developed, including a park gardens and a large lake in addition to the new New York anart from its exhibitions aesthetic merits officials in the will visit Basque govern-

new museum building. This is

being designed by the Canadi-

an architect Frank Gehry, and

it could turn out to be as im-

that the project will generate about 600 new jobs directly and indirectly. To guarantee the new mus-

eum is of a high standard, it has been agreed that the paintings on loan will represent the whole of the Guggenheim collection, from the beginning of this century to the present day, and will include some of its masterworks, with paintings by, for instance, Kandinsky, Fernand Leger, Chagail and Modigliani It has also been agreed that. exhibitions organised in the Guggenheim Museum in

New York will be brought to

the Bilbao museum, and that

for at least the first three years



Bersolaris in the Fine Arts Museum, Bilbao, by Valentin de Zubiaurre Aguirrezabal (1879-1963)

of the Bilbao museum's life, curators and art advisers from

New York will be on hand to organise exhibitions, art pro-grammes and promotion. At the same time the Basque government is setting up a fund, endowed initially with £20 million, to buy 2 modern art collection of its own for the museum. This will specialise in modern Spanish and modern Basque art and sculpture. It has also been agreed, however, that the works loaned by the Guggen-heim Foundation must always be worth five times as much as the Basque government's acquisitions, as measured by market values. This is a further guarantee that the

works loaned by Guggenheim will be of a high quality. Despite the safeguards, the agreement has been criticised by Basque trades unions, by opposition politicians and in Basque cultural circles. There is resentment over the lack of consultation by the Basque government, which carried out the negotiations with Guggenheim in secret, and

of the project, at a time of acute regional unemploy ment, and when other museums and local cultural activities have

Nonetheless officials in the ruling party, the Partido Nacional Vasco, are convinced that the investment is worthwhile, and that the new museum, which is scheduled to open in 1997, will help to dispel images of the region as a place of industrial decline and separatist terrorism.

Juan Ignacio Vidarte, direc tor of the Guggenheim pro-ject, says that the Basques have a long-term aim of making Bilbao the central metropolis of a vast Atlantic "axis", stretching from Opor-to in Poxtugal to Bordeaux and Nantes in France.

JANE MONAHAN



CINEMA page 42

Stolen Children, Italy's most successful film for years, will be shown in Britain on Sunday

THEATRE page 43 Attacking the hypocrisy of public life, Wilde's An Ideal Husband has lost

none of its relevance



VISUAL ART: Richard Cork on the National Gallery's powerful and disturbing exhibition of The Frieze of Life

Where there's Munch there's mania

holding a thin cigar-ette near his chest, the 31-year-old Edvard though expecting an attack to be launched from the surrounding gloom. Lit strongly from below, his face takes on the air of a man caught by an interrogator's lamp. The beam throws a shadow on the wall behind. where it wavers like a phantom reminding him of the

In 1895, when this electrifying picture was painted, Munch would not have been surprised by the sudden termination of his own life. After enduring prolonged ill-health in childhood, he was harrited by a sharp awareness of mortality. Hence, perhaps, the exceptional thinness of the pigment in this self-portrait. Apart from his face, painted quite robustly but only

portion of the can-As his work on vas, Munch seems on the point of fading into the darkness. And Munch's vaporproceeded, ous handling of the diluted paint. smeared and dribbled rather than brushed on with gusto, shows an vision grew astonishing disremore sombre tional ideas about

All the same. there is assurance as well as anxiety in Self-Portrait with Cigarette. Only an artist supremely confident of his direction could have given the feeling. He had already completed many of the paintings in his soof images which fulfilled Munch's ambition to make "an art created of one's innermost heart". And he was determined to continue, despite the critics who claimed that his ert was the ravings of a materials."

Now that the paintings associated with the Frieze of Life have been brought together for a powerful exhibition at the National Gallery, the extraordinary paradox underpinning Munch's achievement becomes clear. He should, ideally, have called it the Frieze of Death. But from this morbid obsession. which could so easily have become merely depressing, Munch at his best managed to forge an art of prodigious, defiant vitality.

He did not unleash this dynamism immediately. One of the earliest paintings in the cycle, Melancholy, lacks the fervour to come. Using as his model a young fellow Norwegian painter called

Jappe Nilssen, who had become infatuated with a woman ten years his senior. Mustch positions his brooding figure on the seashore. The woman, reduced to an unat-tainable blob of white in the distance, departs with her husband on a boat trip. So the young man is left with his despair. And yet little of this anguish is conveyed by the hunched figure in the painting. He seems oddly tepid, and only when Munch made a woodcut version five years later did he invest the abandoned figure with a persuasive amount of dejection.

What Melancholy did convincingly define, though, was the setting. Most of the Frieze of Life paintings take as their location a bleak yet undulating shoreline, where Munch's tormented cast of with a shuddering intensity. Occa-

the frieze

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symbolic

tent Nordic landscape is allowed to exert itself without people. Moonlight is a particularly commanding evocation of turne, where three foreground trees are relegated to the sides and allow the vellow bar of the moon's reflection to fling it-

ted, down an empty expanse of

But, on the whole, Munch's involvement with impassioned figures, whom he described as "real backdrop of the Borre woods on the Viking graves, the dark, tree-heavy locale contrasts mysteriously with the blue water beyond. In the first version, the woman seems tentative as she stands among the tree-trunks, with hands behind her back and head held high. But in a subsequent version. Munch brings her far closer to us. She seems to press against the picture-plane, loosing for release. And her nearsilhouetted body, slashed with surprisingly wild smears of paint, is justaposed far more arrestingly with the blatant phallic energy of the moonlight's gleaming pillar.

Alongside its depiction of sexual



"A crowd of pedestrians advances towards the froot of the picture. They look pale and demented, helplessly consumed by terrors without a name": Evening on Karl Johan (1892)

his art might respect "the sanctity of it, and they would take off their hats as they do in a church". But most of his images are more despairing of the human predicament. His ecstatic painting of an orange-haloed, bare-breasted Madonna was originally framed by a design of sperms and embryos, signifying new life. Munch later deleted them, though, just as he obliterated the human focus growing out of a plant between the naked man and woman in Metabolism.

As his work on the frieze proceeded so his symbolic vision grew more sombre. A bearded face lurks in the foreground of Jealousy, awakening, The Voice transmits a blanched and devoured by envy of hushed, awesome quality which fulfils Munch's hope that viewers of the couple standing beneath a biblical apple tree beyond. But the

jealous figure need not have felt so distraught. Although he is supposed to represent the Polish writer Stanislaw Przybyszewski, who had discovered that Munch was having an affair with his wife, no lasting happiness came out of the relationship. Munch's attitude to the women he loved was always riddled with fear, and in Vampire a redhaired temptress sinks her teeth into her lover's bared neck. Sexually active females were dangerous in his eyes, so misogyny plays a disturbing role in some of his most celebrated pictures; nowhere more than in a hallucinatory woodcut of 1896, showing a man's decapitated

head ensnared in a woman's hair. Nor can any respite be found when Munch moves away from the

shore. Evening on Karl Johan is set in the centre of Oslo's main street, where a crowd of pedestrians advances towards the front of the picture. They all look pale and demented, helplessly consumed by terrors without a name. A cluster of trees rears up on the right like a volcanic rock, towering over the solitary top-hatted figure who wanders mournfully down the middle of the road.

The year was 1892, and the National Gallery's survey is able to show how Munch took that isolated walker and later made him the subject of an Angst-ridden icon. In Despair, a young man resembling the frustrated lover of Melancholy lingers on a fenced-off pathway. He looks forlorn rather than crazed

with anguish, and his emotion fails to tally with the scarlet streaks envenoming the sunset above. In The Scream, however, Munch arrived at a definitive, terrifying correspondence between the figure and nature's disquiet. A shaven-headed, mask-like wanderer, of indeterminate sex, raises hands to face and utters a desperate cry. The sense of desolation is echoed by the swirling form of the yellow fjord behind, and now the sky appears to be

streaming with blood. Eventually Munch's neuroses grew so grievous that they led to a deterioration in his art. The exhibition's final section, devoted to an angry, disillusioned series called The Green Room, reveals an alarming loss of his previous vivacity and

discipline. They are crude, hectoring diatribes about jealousy, hatred and murder, culminating in a gruesome Death of Marai where Munch sees himself as a goresoaked corpse butchered by his naked, implacable fiancée.

A complete nervous breakdown followed; and although Munch recovered, his art lost much of its former authority. The traumas that fuelled his finest work had been

• Edvard Munch: The Frieze of Life, sponsored by Norsk Hydro, is at the National Gallery (071-839 3321) until February 7. Several of Munch's paintings are also included in Border Crossings: 14 Scandinavian Artists the Barbican Art Gallery (071-638 4141) until February 7.

 ERIC GILL: The first to concentrate on Gill's major sculptures, this show presents him as one of the most brilliant of all stone-carvers. The works combining erotic and religious elements are wonderfully cheery: there is no sense of guilt or even incongruity here to mar enjoyment

Barbican Art Gallery, Barbican Centre EC2 (071-638 4 [4]) Mon, Wed, Sat 10am-6.45pm, Tues 10am-5.45pm, Sun noon-6.45pm until February 7. Admission £4.50, concessions 12.50.

ly coinciding with the major show of her father at the Barbican, this show reveals Joanna Gill's talent between the ages of 8 and 15. It is clearly children's art, but with a sureness of touch rare in children. Arts and crafts with a religious tone, the biblical illustrations are sufficiently

charming to make it surprisart into her adult life. • IOANNA GILL: Cunning-

ing she did not continue with Gillian Jason Gallery, 42 Inverness St, NW1 (071-267 4835). Tues-Sat 10am-6pm. umil December 19.

foretaste of Roy Miles's new interest in contemporary work by Chinese artists, the show parallels the kind of traditionally based academically nurtured Russian art this gallery has shown in the past. Particularly worth noting are the intense, expressionist oils of Victor Lai, the lyrical and fantastic recent works of Zhu Guang and the enchantingly inventive small ceramic figures and pots by Ying Yeung

Roy Miles Gallery, 29 Bruton St, W1 (071-495 4747). Mon-

Fri; 10am-6pm, Sat 9am-1pm, until December 24. JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

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first night. But not all

Broadway here, Oxford there

A TRANSATLANTIC partnership will head the cast of the Broadway musical Crazy For You when it arrives in the West End. The American actor Kirby Ward and the British actress Ruthie Henshall (of Cats, Miss Saigon and Les Misérables) will take the principal roles. This revamped version of Gershwin's musical comedy has been one of the biggest hits in New York in recent years, winning three Tony awards. The £3 million London production opens on March 3: another £3 million is being spent on refurbishing Prince

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flowing towards Britain. In the same month as Crazy for You hits London, a Stephen Sondheim compilation musical premiered in Oxford last January will open in New York. Julia McKenzie, who cocreated Putting it Together with the composer, will direct the production's Off-Broadway run at the Manhattan Theatre Chib, and Julie Andrews will be dusting off her do-re-mis to star in the show. Putting it Together borrows from several Sondheim musicals, from the early A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum to Assassins, currently running in the West

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FOR the fourth time in 30 years, Citizen Kane has come first in the Top Ten film poli organised every ten years by the British Film Institute's

Some 130 international critics were canvassed. For the first time the magazine also polled 100 film directors, from horror maestro Wes Craven to Fellini. They also plump for the Orson Welles classic. The critics' runner-up, as in two previous polls, is Renoir's La Régle du Jeu; the film-makers. however, prefer Raging Bull and Fellini's own 82.

THE days when the dreaded legend "performed on period instruments" was confined to concerts of pre-1800 music are

30 in Westminster Cathedral, John Eliot Gardiish conductor, will be aiming his period instruments at Verdi's Requiem, one of the great choral classics of the 19th century. His apocaly-ptically named "Orthestre

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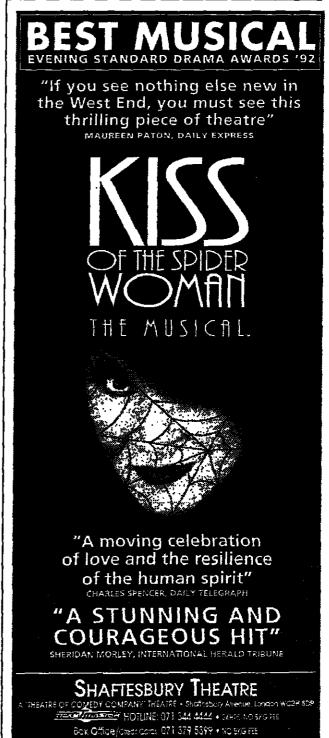
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biggest drum for the occasion.

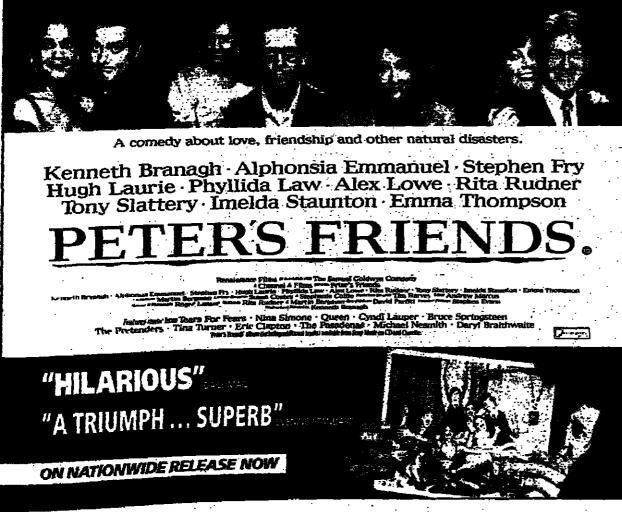
gone. On November

Last chance . . . A SUCCESSION of distinc-

tive American jazz pianists has been passing through the Tenor Clef (London N1, 071-729 2476) in recent months. The latest visitor is Kirk Lightsey, a former sideman with Chet Baker, Dexter Gordon and Sonny Stitt. More recently he has been a key member -- with Lester Bowie and Chico Freeman - of the Leaders, an all-star group whose repertoire swings from bop to a playful "Blueberry Hill". Lightsey's trio ends its residency tomorrow night.



Groups: 671 930 6123 & 971 413 3321



LONDON

THE ROYAL BALLET: Tomorrow, the newly promoted principal Deborah Bull dances the role of Odetne-Odile in Swart Lake for the first time in London, partnered by Mark Stiver Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1065), tornonow, 7 30pm

PRINCESS IDA: If the director's film work is anything to go by, Ken Russell's new staging of one of the less familiar comedies in the Gilbert and Sulivian canon is bound to arouse strong reactions. The designs by James Menfield should ensure strong visual interest, while musical values are in the sale hands of conductor Jane Glover and a strong cast that includes Richard Van Allan and Rosemary Joshua Collseum, Si Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161), tomorrow, 7 30pm

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: The Barbican's ORCHESTRA: The Barbican's Scandmanan theme is continued in this month's Nielsen symphony cycle by the CSSO under Simon Rattle Tonight's programme includes the first and third ("Espansiva") symphonies. Mahler's Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen Lecar eries isarrenden Gesellen completes the programme. Olaf Bar and Solverg Kringelborn are the appropriately Norde solvers Bartsteam, Sile Street, EC2 (071-538 8891), 100egl/s, 7 15pm

TENDER IS THE NORTH: The reserval continues formorrow with a concell by the Gotherburg S0 under Neeme Janvilhe programme comprises works by Sbeius (En Saça), Stenhammer (Pano Concerto No 2, with Cristina Criz.), and Stenhammer (Pano Concerto No 2, with Cristina Criz.), and Stenhammer (Pano Concerto No 2, with Cristina Criz.), and Stenhammer (Pano Concerto No 2, with Cristina Criz.). Stravensky (Firebatti, complete). m (as above), (omorrow

■ ASSASSINS: Sondhem's sharp and successful musical explores the impulse that drives no-hopers to lid! American President's Donnar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150) Mon-Sat, 7 30pm, mars Thure, Sat, 3pm, 105mms

DEATH AND THE MAIDEN: And LI DEATH AND THE MADER: Anii-portman's scorching psychological drama on the longing for revenge. Penny Downie, Darry, Webb and Hugh Ross make up the cast. Dulor of York's, St Marin's Lane, WC2 (071-856 5122) Mon-Sat, 8pm, malz Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm, 120mins

THE DYBBUK: Kate Mirchel's IN THE DYSBUK: Kare Michel's thribrigly commong Hassidic community where the supernatural presses in on all sories. Joanne Pearce superto as the gift possessed. The Pitt, Barbusan, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891) Tonight, tomorrow, Mon, Tues, 7 15pm mat formorrow, 2pm 190mins

THE FAMILY: Larks in the hospital common room; mation outraged, doctors furnimoxed. Ray Cooney fairs with lots of laughs. Playthouse, Northumbertand Avenue, WC2 (071-839-4401). Mon-Fn. Spm. Sat. 8.30pm. mats Thurs. Spm., Sat. 5.30pm.

□ JUNE MOON: Naive songwriter conquers Tin Pan Alley. Celegratul correctly by Rang Lardner and George S. Kaufman. Excellent cast led by Adam Godley and Frank Lazarus. Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat. 7 45pm, mat Sat, 3pm, 160mms.

IN KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN Tremendously glossy production of the Nander & Ebb musical it coarsens the values of Manuel Pug's novel but Chifa Rivera makes a striving vamp Shaftasbury, Shaftasbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399) Mon-Sar, 8pm, mals Wed, Sar, 3pm 160mms MAKING IT SETTER: LUST, English couple harbour two Czechoslovalvari edles "Jane Asher

NEW RELEASES

A daily guide to arts and entertainment

MINISTRY: The rock duo with the

conscibing industrial sound arrives for its test UK four. Briston Academy, Stockers Road, SW9 (071-326 1022), tomorrow, 6pm.

Three multi-informentalists improvise musical references to Jelly Roll Monton and Besse Smith.

Charch of the Holy Spirit, Narbonne Avenue, SW4 (071-622 8703). Icomorow.

carries and paper by the contemp British erchited. Many of the work were created at the beginning of the vanous projects and go some wey to explain his use of colour and form. Salon des Arts, 9 Palace Gate, W8 (071-584 9216), tomorrow. Sun. 11am-5pm, free admission

REGIONAL

WORCESTER: The Battle of Worcester exhibition brings together child was treasures from the Royal Armoures in the Commandery, Charles % headqueries during the Battle of Worcester, and The City Museum December of the The T Sponsored by The Times
The City Museum and Art Gallery.
Foregate Street (1905 25371) Mon-Wed,
Fn. 9 30am-6pm, Sat, 9.30am-5pm
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THEATRE GUIDE

Jerecry Kingston's assessmen of theatre showing in London ■ House full, returns only Some seats available Seats at all prices

heads an exceptional cast in James Saunders's intelligent play Criterion, Piccadally Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Fri. 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm

is Tues, 3pm, Sat, 5:30pm. RADIO TIMES: Tony Statiery in a to ity down Memory Lane, set in warting Broadcasting House, bursting with sprightly Noel Gay numbers. Cueen's. Snatesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494-5040) Mon-Fri, 7,30pm, Sat.

m, mats Thurs, 2 30pm, Sat, 4.30pm THE RISE AND FALL OF LITTLE VOICE: Asian Steamer and Jane Horocks in Jim Cartenghr's play about a sity get escape the reacous mother ingenous but incredible. Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404) Mon-Sat, 6pm, mat Sar, 4pm 150mms.

☐ ROMEO AND JULIET: Michael LI ROMBED AND JULIET: Michael Maloney and Clare Holman in David Leveaus's larry ordinary production Barblean, Sak Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonght, tomorrow, Mon, Tuas, 7 15pm, mal tomorrow, Tues, 2pm.

 SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION: Stockard Champing as the nich New Yorker transfigured by a black con artist in John Gustre's fine play on human inter-dependence. Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045), Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm 90mins.

☐ THREE BIRDS ALIGHTING ON A FIELD: Return of Timbertake Westenbaker's witty and panetrating

CHICHESTER: A line chamber music concress end a me orannor mus programme by the New York-based Beaux Arts Trio, playing tros by Ovolák, Ravel and Haydon Festival Theativ, Clarkands Park, 10243 7813121. Sun. 7,30pm. WEEKEND EVENTS

compiled by Karl Knight

EDINBURGH: Feetured alongside Miles Davis on three albums of fusion (lar, the electric guitarist John Scoffeld has an impressive lechnique and is an adell improvisor Queen's Hall, Clerk Street (031-668 2019), tonight, 8 30pm

BARRY FANTONES JAZZ CIRCUS:

7.30cm in aid of the homeless. WILL ALSOP: A show of works on

BIRMINGHAM: Birmingham Royal Bellet presents its proud new acquisition, Kanneth MacMillan's hillblooded retelling of the Shakespeare tale Romeo and Juliet. The use Homeo and stated. The production, with new designs by Paul Andrews, provides a fitting tribute to the memory of the late choreographer. Opera Houses, Quey Street, (061-296 5922), torigint, tomorrow, 7 30pm, mai tomorrow, 2-30pm.

look at the world of modern art. Hamlet Weter excellent as the upper class wife pucking her way past the hazards. Royaf Court. Stoane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745) Mon-Sal, 8pm, mar Sal, roo. 150 mer.

OXFORD: The Beaux Arts Tric play tros by Haydn (No 18), Beathoven (Op 70, No 1) and Brahms (Op 8).
Sheldonian Theatre, Broad Street

(0855 864056), tonight, 8pm.

WOKING: At last, a visiting Russian ballet troupe that offers something

afferent from the standard Tcharkovsky

different from the standard (require/sy) fare Bons Effman's St Petersburg Ballet Theatre, making its Brush debut with this lour, is presenting two contrasting productions. Thereise Ragum, adapted from Zofe's gloomy novel, and Figano's Intingues, a comedy based on the Barber of Seville and set to music by Rossini.

to music by Rossini New Victoria Theatre, The Peacocks Arts Centre (0483 751144), tonight,

40m 150mms. ☐ WEXFORD TRILOGY: A rewal of Billy Roche's calebrated divoracle of small lown life This week. Poor Beast in the Rain, set in a betting-shop on the eve of the all-freiend hurting final, joins A Handful of Stars in the repertory; Belliny

Bush, 743 3388) Opens lonight, 7pm, WHICH WITCH: Norwegian opera-

a) which writte Norwegian opera-musical on the murky doings in Renaissance Europe. Piccastilly, Derman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Mon-Set, 7 30pm, mat Thurs. Sat, 2 30pm. 185mms LONG RUNNERS: D Blood LONG RUNNETS: U Blood Brothers: Phoens: (071-867 1044) Buddy: Victora Palece (071-834 1317) U Camen Jones: Od Vc 071-928 7616) E Cate: New London (071-405 0072) The

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Terrom a Jack to a King:
Ambassadors (071-836 61111)

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Si Me and My Girt: Adelphi (071-495 75111).

Si Les Misoriables: Palace (071-434 0909).

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Salgon: Theatre Royal, Dury Lane (071-494 5400).

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Si Martin's (071-836 1443).

The Hammon of the Opera: Her Majasty s (071-494 5400).

Grant Planet: Cambridge (071-979 5299).

Si Martin's (071-828 8665)

The Woman In Slecic Fortune (071-828 2238).

Ticket information supplied by Society of West End Theatre

CINEMA GUIDE

◆ PÉTER'S FRIENDS (15) College pais meet up after a decade for a gito moture of laughter and tears. Kenneth Bransgh directs Emma Thompson. Stephen Fry, Rita Rudner and himself. Empire (071-197 9999) MGM Chetsel (071-352 5096) MGM Tottenham (Road (071-636 6148) MGM Trocadero (071-454 0031) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) Plaza

(071-435 3366) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332) SNEAKERS (12) Technology freaks chase a lethal microchip. Bright, sassy caper comedy with a starry cast (Robert Rections, Sidney Pointer, Dan

lykroyd, Ben kingsley) Director, Phil Ayroyd, Ben Lingsey) Luredor, Hal Alden Roberson. Empire (071-497 9999) MGM Baker Street (071-370 2636) MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

CURRENT

◆ LES AMANTS DU PONT NEUF (18) Leos Carao's hymri to Pans and a punk burn's love for a young anist movie movie Metro (071-437 0757) Renotr (071-837

◆ BEAUTY AND THE BEAST (U) Sumplies Disney cartoon laky-tale, blessed with skilled armation and attractive songs that might have sprung into a Broadway musical. Directors, Gary Trousdate, kirk Wise. MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) MGM

Oxford Street (071-636 0310) **◆ 1492: CONQUEST OF PARADISE** (15). Lashings of etmosphere from director Ridley Scott, but not enough dramatic meat. Gérard Depardieu es

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol •) on release across the country

Columbus; Sigourney Weaver as Empire (071-497 9999) MGM Full Road (071-370 2636) MGM Staffesbury Avenue (071-836 6279/379 7025) MGM Trocadero

 THE CRYING GAME (18): IRA guivran becomes obsessed with a hostage's griffiend Bold, powerful Neil Jordan film that latters at the close. Stars Jorden min piet Laters at me code Sai Stephen Rea, Forest Whitaker, Jaye Devidson, Miranda Filchardson. Caraden Pisza (071-485 2443) Curzon West End (071-439 4805) MGM Futham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) UCI

Whiteleys (071-792 3332). GAS FOOD LODGING (15). Emotions Irves of a wentress and two daughters in New Mexico, Good-looking, well acted. Fairuza Balk, Brooke Adams, Ione Skye;

GLENGARRY GLEN ROSS (15): GLENGARRY GLEN ROSS (15): Real-estate satesmen fight for their lives Energenc version of David Marrier) is play, though Jack Lemmon goes over the top Co-starting Al Pacino, Ed Hams: director, James Folay, Odeon Haymarket (0428 915353). HUSBANDS AND WIVES (15): Woody Allen's best film in years, a lacerating tale of collapsing New York marriages Stars Allen, Mis Farrow, Judy Davis,

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LONDON FILM FESTIVAL: William Ward on a surprising Italian hit, The Stolen Children Bambini in need

of a British home

only chance for British viewers to catch ' one of the most impressive Italian films of recent years. Gianni Amelio's Il Ladro di Bambini (Stolen Children) was unanimously hailed as a masterpiece by the usually disaffected Italian critics on its release in May, before going on to score critical acclaim at Cannes, Venice and other European festivals; it has already been selected as Italy's Oscar nominee for 1993. Despite its highly uncommercial subjectmatter and rhythm, it crossed over from the Italian arthouse circuit to become a huge box-office hit. On the strength of this, it has become the most. widely distributed Italian film for years - although Britain seems to want to

remain in splendid isolation.

Giovanni Celsi, international sales director of Sacis, the Italian distributors, is puzzled: "We've sold it to the USA, Canada, Australia, all of South America, and everywhere in western Europe — except the British Isles; J can't think why British audiences wouldn't like it too."

In the light of recent experience, the caution of British distributors may seem justified. Italy has not produced many exportable films in the past decade; most of its greatest directors are either unable to get a production deal off the ground, or are not as productive as they used to be. The last two productions by Federico Fellini were so poor they failed to find a British outlet. Giuseppe Tornatore's cloyingly sentimental Nuovo Cinema Paradiso and Gabrielle Salvatores' flimsy Mediterraneo achieved worldwide recognition only after they both won Best Foreign Film Oscars.

However, the lamentable state of Italian cinema is nothing new. The Italian film community has been grumbling about la crisi profonda ever since the golden age of the 1960s, as the overall decline accelerates. In the 1950s, Rome's Cinecittà was the only serious European rival to Hollywood. Nowadays it is impossible to finance an Italian film without embracing the swingeing conditions (foreign lead stars; generic, "de-Italianised" scripts

THE London Film Festival offers the for bland global audiences: films shot in English) imposed by international co-productions.

There is also the problem of talent. Although a number of promising names (the Taviani Brothers, Pupi Avati, Nanni Moretti) have emerged the sense of vacuum left in the wake of the heroes of the early 1960s — Fellini, Pasolini, Antonioni etc - or the earlier generation of neo realismo and la commedia all'italiana, is immense.

Another problem is the lack of worthwhile present-day subject matter. Unlike the British, Italians have little interest in visual recreations of the past. The social pathos and irony inherent in the economic reconstruction of the 1950s and early 1960s, and the delicious frisson of indignation and intrigue that typified the terrorist emergency and suspected coups d'état of the 1970s, offered Italian filmmakers rich pickings. But the material well-being and moral apathy of Italy in the 1980s has robbed them of a gripping theme.

In order to make Il Ladro di Bambini, Amelio used a curious psychological expedient. "I decided to sidestep the classic hang-ups of our cinematic tradition by setting out to make 'a Moroccan' film - cheap and imperfect." He has managed to combine some of the classic elements of neo-realism with a bold and innovative voice that is his own. Unlike the subproletarian heroes of the neo realisti. whose innate dignity and heroism always shines through the misery of their economic state. Amelio's pathetic subjects remain in a state of objective alienation all the way through.

The action is minimal, the storyline almost non-existent. A disaffected young carabiniere (Enrico Lo Verso) is entrusted with the task of escorting Rosetta, an 11-year-old prostitute (Valentina Scalici) and her younger brother Luciano (Giuseppe Ieracitano) from their squalid high-rise home to a children's home. They are not accepted, so the carabiniere takes them south, first to visit his family in Calabria, then towards an unspecified children's home in Sicily.



Learning to laugh: Enrico Lo Verso (left) and Giuseppe Ieracitano

There is very little dialogue throughout, him being a dour southerner, and the children being totally traumatised by their experiences at home. Gradually, they develop a relationship, and by the end of the long film, are quite attached to one another.

The Italy portrayed in this cross between a road movie and the Children's Crusade is unremittingly ugly and squalid. From the syringe-riddled tower blocks on the outskirts of Milan, to the unfinished, jerry-built houses spoiling the Calabrian coastline, and the collapsing buildings of Noto, the glorious capital of Sicilian baroque, there is not a frame which strays from the visual - and aural - portrayal of social and spiritual alienation.

Inevitably, after Amelio's fast critical and box office success, some pundits are wondering whether this could be the dawn of another golden age of Italian cinema. In the subsequent waves of euphoria, some ten first or second films by young directors were launched with a flourish at the Venice Film Festival in September. But seven have bombed so badly at the box office that the Italian film community is not holding its breath.

The Stolen Children is at the National Film Theatre (071-928 1325) on Sunday.

OPERA

Muted passion

ALTHOUGH its characters express themselves through movement and make no sound beyond the odd incidental grunt, Giorgio Battistelli's Teorema, one of the highlights of this year's Munich Biennale which came to London for a one-night stand on Wednesday, still works as opera, the category in which its composer places it, rather than ballet. That is because their silence is not symptomatic of genre, but powerfully reflects the characters' state of being unable to communicate spontaneously with each other or even with themselves.

Based on Pasolini's film, the work mesmerisingly examines the effect on a bourgeois family of the arrival of a guest under whose charms each of them falls in turn. The maid, the son. the daughter and each parent all encounter passion. Then the sex-god disappears, and the flimsy scaffolding of the guilty love he has erected is removed. The family's individual lives collapse: only the father, who ends the work divested of his respectable suit and tie (and everything else) has any hope of finding himself

Battistelli's score, rich in mood, colour and emblem, and marvellously played here by the amplified Officina Musicale Italiana under Orazio Tuccella's direction, does not try to negate the ritual element of the tale. Once the maid has been seduced, we

Teorema Queen Elizabeth Hall

know that everyone else will follow. We cannot resist the voveuristic enjoyment of this, especially when confronted with Philippe Giraudeau's pouting charms

as the white-clad guest. The rest of the cast were equally evocative. Mark Lorimer as Pietro, the son, gave us an authentic-looking adolescent awkwardness, too scared to look and touch, too aroused not to. His sister, Odetta (Emma Bernard), combined girlish timidity and curiosity - a Lolita in the making. Bernadette McKenna, as the proud mother Lucia, and Tony Guilfoyle, as Paolo, the father, also powerfully engaged our fascination, as did Rena Vets who, as the maid Emilia, becomes a spiritual figure, returning to her peasant origins, performing miracles, and eventu-

ally being buried alive. Lucy Bailey's direction focuses on the loneliness of each character, the Guest included. The movement is slow and deliberate, the mustily erotic atmosphere heightened by David Law-rence's lighting and Simon Vincenzi's ingenious set: a middle-stage circle, relayed to a front-stage screen by an overhead camera and separated from the front-stage seducing area by blackboards on which a silent chorus scribbles quasi-mathematical theorems. Therein lay Pasolini's message: if it is to have any substance, life should be an unbalanced, insoluble equation.

CLASSICAL CONCERT

Synthesis of nature

ONLY the Inuit, it is claimed, can actually hear the Northern Lights as well as see them. Perhaps in order to compensate for the loss, somewhere along the line, of such fine-tuning into the cosmos, many composers among their Nordic neighbours have been irresistibly drawn to stretching the boundaries of sound through apprenticeships in electronic music in the

studies of Utrecht and Paris. The Oslo Philharmonic, in the second of its appearances at the Barbican's Festival of Scandinavian Arts, presented the British premiere of a work written by one such disciple of sonology: Olav Anton Thommessen's From Above, a concerto for synthesizer and orchestra.

The programme note declared that "from the heights of the soundsphere, the synthesizer is pulled inexorably downward towards the sonic abyss". It seemed a fair description. Iver Kleive, who collaborated with the composer in working out the synthesizer registrations, presided over his three keyboards with panache. He relished his central cadenza which, gradually sparring with each percussionist in turn, he used to provoke the entire orchestra into an orgy of playful criss-crossing metres and pulses.

The visit of the Oslo Philharmonic will be remembered more for its STEPHEN PETTITT | playing than for its programming.

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The Grieg was obligatory, if only to provide an excuse to introduce Leif-Ove Andsnes, Norway's 22-year-old work with the Bergen Philharmonic shot high into the Norwegian pop charts last year.

This was a bold, statement-making performance, fitting as a curtain-raiser to the Grieg anniversary celebrations next year. Andsnes matches an assertive flamboyance with a supple, quasiimprovisatory singing line which. together, breathe vibrant new life into this venerable war horse.

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The orchestral accompaniment was just as vividly reassessed. As in his Rachmaninov the night before, Mariss Jansons drew firm forward movement. from his players, achieving expressiveness from depths of tone rather than bulge of line.

His cellos speak from the heart of the orchestra and are highly prized members of it. The ballast they give to the distinctively bright; but never overpolished, voice of this orchestra was equally telling in the might and majesty of their perhaps slightly overcivilised Stravinsky.

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THEATRE: Sir Peter Hall's staging of Oscar Wilde, and a Charlotte Bronte adaptation by Willis Hall in Sheffield

Dated manners, but a dandy moral

Benedict Nightingale on a Victorian fin-de-siècle comedy whose message remains equally pertinent at the end of our own century

or a play that attacks moral rigidity and argues for tolerance and mercy, the onseem particularly apt. Oscar Wilde wrote it when the Marquess of Queensberry was starting to harass him. It was successfully running in London when their battles in the lawcourts began. It was precapitately taken off by nervous impressrios after Wilde had been arrested for indecency. And by the time he disappeared into the stony may of Reading Gaol, all right-minded Victorians were pretending it had never existed.

That was their loss. The play is an odd mixture of comedy and melodrama, wit and solemnity; but even today it holds the attention. Certainly, there is still a hisson in some of the lines that emerge from the tale of Sir Robert Chiltern, the politician who faces ruin for a

past indiscretion. "With our modern mania for morality, everyone has to pose as a paragon of purity, incorruptibility and all the other deadly virtues, and what is the result?," asks the woman who seeks to destroy him. "Hardly a year passes in England without someone disap-pearing from public life." Not for the last time, the opening-night audience tittered, clearly sensing parallels with you-know-what and

Not that Peter Hall, who directs, makes any obvious efforts to suggest that this is a play of the 1990s rather than the 1890s. Despite the odd cut, he respects both text and period. Instead of a curtain, we have a giant gold coin with the old Queen's head embossed on it; and it rises to the sound of patriotic music, revealing

lords in evening dress and ladies in lacy white gowns languidly parad-ing beneath the burnished walls of Carl Toms's set. Then in saunters Anna Carteret in purple, and Wilde's assault on Victorian preten-

sion and respectability is under way. the role of Mrs Cheveley, who has it in her power to end both the career and the marriage of David Yelland's earnest Sir Robert. She possesses a letter which proves that years ago he traded a Cabinet secret for the fortune he needed to rise to high

The audience tittered. sensing parallels with you-know-what and guess-who'

office; and she will expose him unless he publicly backs a shady scheme for a South American canal. "You know what your English newspapers are like," adds Carteret with one of the big, sweet smiles in which her Mrs Cheveley specialises. The play's main conflict is not so

much between her and Sir Robert as between Sir Robert and his wife, Hannah Gordon's Gertrude Chiltern. Even before the blackmail begins, she has made it clear that her love for him depends on her absolute faith in his seamless integrity. When she learns his secret, all is high Victorian outrage "Don't touch me, you have soiled me for ever — and you were to me a thing pure, noble, honest, without stain!" Maybe Wilde is consciously parody-ing the overblown bluster of lesser

when both the dialogue and the plot owe less to life than to the excesses of the 19th-century theatre.

Hall is able to temper some but not all of the melodrama. He has worked out a clever alternative to the accidentally falling chair that in the original play reveals Mrs Cheveley's presence in an ante-room, but be can do nothing with the event that finally undoes her, the discovery of a brooch she once stole by the man who years ago bought it. And neither he nor the admirable Han-

oah Gordon can make Gertrude's conversion from a prig, "pitiless in her perfec-tion", to an understanding wife seem less abrupt.

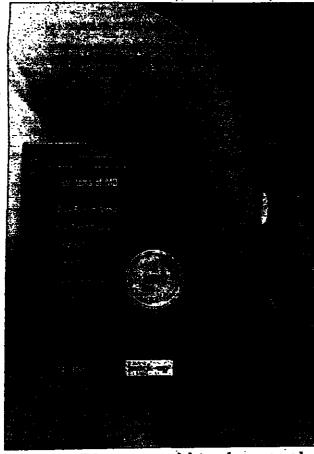
Again, what of the claim, agreed by all the main parties, that women's "curves of emotion" are awfully unimportant beside men's "wider scope and greater ambi-tions? No doubt of it, the play has dated in some ways. And

yet it undoubtedly grips, amuses and, at times, sparkles. The calibre of the epigrams varies, but most people will enjoy "I always pass on good advice, it's the only thing to do with it", et al. Most of these come from the

play's resident dandy, paradoxer and seer, Martin Shaw's Lord Goring. His thick, lush wig and thicker, hisher voice, not to mention his aesthete's clothes and manner, are clearly meant to evoke Wilde himself. True, that sorts oddly with the robust heterosexuality the plot demands of the character. But it gives extra resonance to pleas for pardon, not punishment" that are, surely, still worth airing today. An Ideal Husband is at the Globe



Small change leaves a hole in listeners' pockets



Sony's MiniDisc system a miniature, laser-scanned disc, capable of recording (up to 74 minutes) and robust enough for use in cars or even while jogging

or most consumers, the advent of yet another technological revolution in hi-fi will seem premature at-British households yet to buy a compact disc player what possible need can there be for another overhaul in audio equipment, requiring further financial outlay from the hard-

The explanation, according to music business theorists, is format fatigue", a strange ailment which has already accounted for the near demise is about to put paid to the familiar compact cassette:

The race to provide a new format that will replace the cassette, while co-existing with the CD, has produced a battle to rival that of the VHS vs Betamax war that marked the arrival of video recorders. Earlier this week, Philips launched Digital Compact Cassette (DCC), a system which incorporates digital sound on an upgraded compact cassette design. On Tuesday, Sony will be unveiling its MiniDisc (MD) system, a miniature, laser-scanned disc. capable of recording, and robust enough for use in cars or even while jogging. Both formats are manifestly superior to analogue cassettes, and Recorded music will soon be available in a baffling new range of expensive formats. David Sinclair explains

both will be more expensive to

Why the need to find a successor to the standard cassette? The answer is portability. For all the advantages of CDs — notably their digitally "perfect" sound quality and durability - they have proved unsuitable as a portable music system. Consumers have, typinext to the hi-fi system at home (much as they used to do with vinyl records) and have continued to use cassettes on their personal stereos and ghetto

They also use cassettes for recording music (or anything else), a function which CDs are not able to perform, yet. (A CD system which can record as well as play back may be available sooner than we think, but that is another

On the face of it, Philips has the easier job in persuading potential purchasers to take the plunge, if only because DCC can offer the crucial advantage of "backwards compatability". In other In other words, not only do you enjoy

the benefits of crystal clear, nohiss, digital sound on the new DCC software, you can still play all your old, non-digital cassettes on the same hard-

The DCC tapes are new and "sexy" to handle, yet also have a comforting familiarity about them. They come in a durable plastic case with a window the tape to maximum advantage. Once out of its case the exposed parts of the tape are protected by a sliding metal sheath when not in use. There is a digital display on the machine giving the title of the album, which song is playing. and so forth.

¬here is, however, no instant random facility on DCC, so if instant random access you want to play a track in the middle of the album, although the machine will find it for you, it can only do so by spooling along at the same speed as a conventional cassette machine.

Instant random access (i.e. the ability to find and play any track on an album within one second) is one of the advantages of the rival MiniDisc

system, together with the mind-boggling promise of being able to record and erase a million times on the same disc with virtually no loss of audio fidelity. Two-and-a half inches square, and a bit thicker than an after dinner mint, the MD is a tiny affair. rather wastefully large box.
Unlike the DCC, the
MiniDisc has a futuristic, slightly alien feel about it, and while the technology is more sophisticated, the leap of faith required of the prospective purchaser is that much

Few industry insiders predict that both new formats will survive, and the smart money is currently on DCC. Its campaign seems better organised and its place in the market - a straightforward upgrading of the compact cassette format is clear-cut and offers no threat to CD. MiniDisc, meanwhile, despite launching earlier this month in Japan, has been slower coming out of the traps, is a more complex concept and

an authority on the history

and performing practices of

Mahler, in particular this Sec-

ond Symphony which he has taught himself, recorded and

through and the phrase "format fatigue" will be extended to embrace the concept of consumer resistance to the prospect of interminable new formats. It has, after all, taken ten years for Laser Disc (LD) to gain even a toehold on the British market. These are discs which play back in digital sound and vision, but do not record. Although they have proved popular with film buffs (because of the high quality of the pictures and because films released in America and Japan can be obtained on LDs before they are released in Europe), they still have a long way to go before catching on in the domestic market.

Then there is CD-I the complete home entertainment system of the future which contains on a single disc infinitely flexible mixtures of sound, pictures, animated graphics and text. It went on sale in America last year and is heading towards Europe soon. Exposure to that sort of technological firecower could leave even today's state-of-theart hi-fi systems looking

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A night on the moors

Jane Eyre Crucible, Sheffield

n unforgettable highlevel shot in the film made from this venerable novel shows Orson Welles galloping across a snowy courtyard with his dark cloak flapping behind him. Such effects cannot be looked for at the theatre; though the audience watching from the uppermost row, in a Crucible crowded as I have never seen it, were suitably placed should Jack Shepherd have stormed below them. No horse, howev-

er. Nor snow.

Fran Thompson's designs cleverly suggest the different Yorkshire locales with a simplicity Elizabethan audiences

would have found familiar. The forestage has been spread with worn floorboards on to which a few pieces of furniture - chairs, iron bedstead, a round table, a blackboard - are brought to mark the points in Jane's painful journey from orphanage to Thornfield Hall, out again on to the moors after the shockhorror interruption of her wedding, and back at last to the burned shell of Mr Rochester's home. "Abhorred spot," be calls it in the novel, though not in Willis Hall's dramatisation, where Charlotte Bronte's fondness for such adjectives is wisely ignored.

A line of black baronial pillars crosses the back of the tage and above it a tilted gallery where the first Mrs Rochester and her warder, the grim Grace Poole, sally forth to inflame the young Jane's fancies. On the night she flees from the hall and Mr Rochester stands motionless on the gallery, the tableau may not have the drama of a galloping horse, but it captures, very simply, the grief of loss.

The narrative passages are distributed among the whole cast, except Mr Rochester, giving a lively movement to the play while managing not to seem peculiar. There is doubling, trebling and quadrupling of roles, sometimes tormentor, sometimes ally, so that it feels quite in order for them to include some of Jane's reflections as well. What this device adds is a sense of the story as moral fable, which in the book is shored up with expressions of blind trust in Providence.

A fair amount of this talk Hall's adaptation, where the dramatic pulse beats too slowly. Even here the arrangement of figures on the stage is usually interesting, but the co-direction by Robert Delamere and Michael Rudman is at its best in the interweaving crowd scenes and, fortunately, in the crucial encounters between the

Emma Fielding's plucky stance and young Queen Victoria profile combine with a genuine feeling for Jane's dilemma (Christian love versus romantic love), and Shepherd's dry irony, baffled rage and ardour, is graced with a gentleness that roots him in

JEREMY KINGSTON

TELEVISION REVIEW: Richard Morrison on a satire that misfired, and an absorbing portrait of Goebbels

wish I were as knowledgeable as the studio audience for Jennifer Saunders's new cornedy series Absolutely Fabulous (BBC 2). Or perhaps it wasn't a studio audience. Perhaps it was one of those sound engineers oper-ating a little dial labelled canned laughter". Clever, those engineers. They never fail to spot a sly pun or a subtle allusion, and give it the roar of hysterical laughter its author believes it so richly deserves.

Lielt this show slipping from my feeble comprehension early on. Admittedly, I am to the fashion world what Dame Barbara Cardand is to scubadiving, so perhaps I am not best-placed to judge a series about an alcoholic PR woman working in fashion (the pathologically overacting Saunders) and a conspicuously consuming, painfully work-shy fash-ion journalist (Joanna Lumley, slightly more reticent in facial

nuance). Nevertheless, must a comedy brandish quite so many injokes and trendy designer names in order to make its point? For instance, if Yasmin Le Bon is replaced by Berry Boo in a fashion show, is that a cause for regret or rejoicing? Search me. But it must be incredibly funny, because the studio audience hooted. With every passing refer-

ence to Versace or Westwood, years out of date.

Out to lunch with the Sloanes of yesteryear

the feeling increased that here was a show aimed at armusing 2,000 people living in southwest London, and bemusing ten million viewers who do not. Which was a pity, because it had a droll cameo from June Whitfield as Saunders's toobriefly-glimpsed mother, and a promising sub-plot the dissolute Saunders's relationship with her own "New Puritan" teenage daughter (the excellent Julia Sawaiha). Even if that develops in later

episodes, it may not be enough to hold together this flailing saire. The trouble is that it lampoons the yuppies and Sloanes of 1987. That whole world of huge expense account hunches, coke smilling in the office and skiving off a morning's work to go shop-ping in Harvey Nichols, has crashed. We shall not see its like again. Even journalists are having to restrain their impulse for lunching, I understand. As for PR people, those still in business are generally the ones who work from dawn to midnight massaging their clients' images. Saunders is



Joanna Lumley, Jennifer Saunders and June Whitfield

Talk of image-massaging brings us neatly to We have s of making you think (BBC 2), a three part documentary series which began last night with a first-rate analysis of Joseph Goebbels's work Great films, shame about the politics. The gist of Laurence Rees's admirably lu-

cid programme was that Goebbels, a cinema buff of the most exhaustive kind, realised that entertainment — not crude polemical battering was the key that could unlock the German soul for Hitler. He loathed the brazen message of The Triumph of the Will or the infantile racism of

ally he persuaded his Führer that historical parables were the most effective propaganda weapons. He trusted German audiences to make the connection between, say. Frederick the Great and Hitler, and he was proved right. Deep down, of course,

Goebbels was everything he professed to despise. For instance, he was obsessed with having affairs with dark, Slavblooded actresses. While that disproves the famous British Army thesis that "Goebbels had no balls at all", it also fitted awkwardly with his belief in racial purity. And eventually he became totally irrational. He pulled 100,000 soldiers off the front line in the last year of the war to act as extras in Kolberg, and then, in the bunker, he poisoned all six of his children when he could have had them flown to safety in a neutral country.

By then, though, his evil

genius had done its insidious work: a nation had been hoodwinked by Goebbels's picturesque celluloid visions into believing the Final Solution to be a good idea. The only strange thing about this programme's approach was that it allowed a number of ageing actresses, directors and composers to get away with saying that they were only

MUSIC: Gilbert Kaplan conducts the Philharmonia

en the Festival Hall podium protested. In the marginally less **Teach** loud passages of Gilbert Kaplan's loud performance of Mahler's Second Symphony a yourself constant creaking and squeaking rent the air, eventually to Mahler be identified with the movement of Kaplan's feet. Someone had obviously placed a microphone under the podi-

now conducted all over the world. At first the critics, um, and every movement was relayed through the PA perhaps jaded with the starry Mahler of Karajan, the febrile Mahler of Tennstedt, the ear-This turned out to be one of the more absorbing aspects of nest Mahler of Sinopoli, the evening. Kaplan, a mil-lionaire publisher, has built up praised his efforts to the skies. Now the surprise has faded something of a reputation as and reassessment is due.

Kaplan's Mahler is pure theatre. The five-minute gap between first and second movements is observed; offstage instruments echo far

final great "Auferstehn!", the entire chorus rises as one. But although he has mastered the stage directions, Kaplan is somewhat weaker on the direction of the lines. Relentless vertical rhythm

from the back of the hall; at the

dominated this performance. There was a certain fond joy in the unrelenting naivety of the Ländler's com-pom-pom, a certain rough justice in its flanking tragedies. But any hope of glimpsing Mahler's twin poles of magic or mockery faded fast. Diana Montague, Yvonne Kenny and, above all, the superbly groomed Philharmonia Chorus provided an eloquent finale to an only crudely coherent performance.

HILARY FINCH





Holyfield may lack the incentive for successful defence

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT, IN LAS VEGAS

SINCE it is now generally accepted that Lennox Lewis is capable of lifting the world title, and the Americans have voluntarily imposed a moratorium on jokes about horizontal British heavyweights, British observers can be forgiven for seeing the meeting of Evander Holyfield and Riddick Bowe for the world championship tonight as little more than a side issue to the real question.

The bout at the Thomas and Mack Center, the Las Vegas University arena, looks more like an eliminator for the right to meet Lewis, who believes he will be meeting Holyfield in April. Let us hope he is right, as Bowe is thinking about reneging on his contract with the World Boxing Council (WBC) and defending first against George Foreman in

Which would mean Lewis winning the WBC title by default, not exactly the most satisfying way of bringing a world heavyweight title back

However, all through the final weeks of training, the champion's case, like his chin. has not looked absolutely solid. In interviews, he has given the impression of a man tired of boxing and has talked in a confused manner about retiring. "Some things are more important than boxing," he said. "Kids. I want to go out on top and keep my kids ... I'm not in boxing to make money. I have made more

money than I can spend." While nothing in boxing should be taken at face value. one must still ask whether the disappointment over the lack of recognition from the public.

"wars" against heavyweights, his financial security after making a record \$100 million, the constant accusations about taking steroids and, finally, the prospect of defeat by Lewis, have killed his

appetite for the game. As George Foreman said: "1 think maybe Evander has lost interest. He's the champion but he's after a certain kind of respect and he hasn't gotten it yet. Maybe he'll never get it." Being a blown-up cruiser-weight, Holytield seems to be

too small to campaign effectively against young heavy-weights like Bowe and Lewis. Although Holyfield is a fierce competitor, he could be giving away too much to Bowe in height, weight, reach and age. At oft 25 in and 205lb, with a reach of 774 in, he appears to be at a distinct disadvantage against a man who is five years younger, at 25, 21 in taller. 30lb heavier and has a longer reach by 3½ in.

Bowe too has lost weight — 10lb since he boxed Pierre Coetzer in July. But it should be remembered that, in be-

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Holvfield: 28 wins (22 viside the distance).			

curious diet of 300 vitamins, minerals and herbs every day. His nutritionist, Dick Gregory, a former comedian and political activist, says the job was done with scientific thoroughness". Holyfield's main hope is

tween, he blew up and had to lose 37lb in seven weeks. His

weight has been reduced by a

that the rumours about Bowe's heart are true and, once he clips him. Bowe will want to get out. Bowe was accused of giving up against Lewis in the Olympic final in Seoul. On the other hand, Eddie

Futch, Bowe's trainer, points to the vulnerability of Holyfield's chin. "Michael Dokes, who is shot, almost had him out, Alex Stewart also and Bert Cooper, who was knocked out by Riddick in two rounds, had Holyfield all over

Holyfield's trainer, George Benton, who used to be Futch's assistant, countered: "You don't have to talk up a fight for Evander. All Bowe has to do is hit him and he'll kick his butt."

Angelo Dundee, who often used to be in the opposite corner to Futch, disagrees. "History shows that you go with the good big man over the good little man. Bowe isn't only big. He's mobile and has a good left hand. They are going to bang on one another but, in the end, Bowe should stop Holyfield."

Bowe is young, inexperi-enced and untested but, if Dundee is right, we could see an exciting new star emerge

tonight.

Sky Sports has live coverage of the bout in Ringside Special

make many American ex-

perts fancy him to retain his

title are experience and com-

petitive spirit. "He gives you

honesty every time," Futch

Conversationally, and tem-

peramentally. Evander Holy-

field, a pumped-up light heavyweight, is like the

emerging Faldo of several

years ago: still searching for

public respect for his ability.

It constantly bothers him

"I selected this fight

because I wanted the tough-

est there was, who might

beat me." Holyfield, at his

final press conference, said.

There's nothing I can say

against him ... but I think it's still my time to shine."

find two opponents smiling

in each other's company

instead of all those fake,

braggart gestures of the Don

King era with Tyson.
Lou Duva, the

70-year-old in

Holyfield's

corner, tried

to adopt a

macho pos-ture behind

the micro-

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did not ring

true. What

admit was

that Lewis

"fantastic"

and that he would rather

have Holy-

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Bowe.

looked

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did

What a pleasure it is to

and he lets it show.



THERE are times when even an Olympic 100 metres champion is run off his feet. In the wake of his victory in Barcelona,

(David Powell writes).

"I could stop training and do something every day of the week for the next two years," Christie, having had enough offers of work to fill a job centre, said yesterday.

On Wednesday, he was at the Hilton hotel to receive his man-of-the-year award from Baroness Thatcher. Yesterday, he was

Christie has not had time to reply to the person who wanted to sculpt his leg and his contemplate a mooted race with Desert Orchid. More important, now, was the need to knuckle down to training. Lately, he has looked in the mirror and seen, as he put

GOLF

Fierce competition for a

seat on the gravy train

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN MONTPELLIER

IN THE gathering gloom at La Grande Motte, just outside Montpellier, last night, the putting green was still busy Hall and Gerry Anderson is an indication that those riches

normally 13 to 132st; now I'm 14st 10lb," he said. He had three days filming the ad noticeably fat cheek.

don't perform." He remains undecided about the world indoor championships in Toronto in March. His main aim next year is the "grand slam" of 100 metres titles. He is the Commonwealth, European and Olympic champion and the world championships are in Stuttgart in August.

concerned over financial losses but Christie

McColgan expects to claim British marathon record

David Powell finds Britain's world 10.000

metres champion back to full fitness and prepared to prove it on the streets of Tokyo

THREE days before Liz McColgan made her mara thon debut last year, New York could not believe what it was hearing. The press corps gasped when she read out her training times and no one, she said, should doubt that she

One day she would break the world record, she insisted. Not just beat it, but smash it. feel I can go under 2hr 20min in a couple of years from now," was her predic-tion. Give her two or three more trips over the distance after New York then watch the record come down, she urged.

The New York Times labelled her "cocky". Ingrid Kristiansen, the world's fastest woman with 2hr 21min 06sec, and Joan Benoit-Samuelson, the 1984 Olympic champion, chided the Scot for her disrespect towards her rivals. McColgan won with the fastest debut on record, 2hr 27min 32sec. And carried on talking.

Undisturbed by the criticism, she stressed her point "I believe my best performances will come on the road," she said. Fresh in everyone's mind was the way she had dominated on the track over 10,000 metres at the world champion-

ships in Tokyo.
On Sunday, returning to Tokyo, she runs her second marathon, now less brash but no less confident. "I am in good shape and I expect to run between 2:23 and 2:26," she said, without dismissing the opposition this time. Veronique Marot's British best of 2hr 25min 56sec should not survive the weekend.

McColgan's stunning pre-New York training times ten one-mile repetitions in five minutes with only 30 seconds recovery between each - have been repeated in the vicinity of Arbroath these past few weeks. But, perhaps because she has suffered two big defeats this year. McColgan is giving the opposition, which includes the Olympic champion, Valentina Yegorova, greater respect. One other change, too: McColgan's hair has been cut

"I'm looking forward to the race because it is a quality husband-coach, chipped in: The plan is for Liz to feel good, and win, in a faster time than she did in New York." Under 2hr 26min? "Defi-

nitely." Peter said. "But it is only her second marathon and she has said all along that she would not really go for it la fast time] until her third."

Last year was fun all the way for McColgan. World 10.000 metres champion. This Is Your Life, BBC sports personality of the year. New York marathon champion. Then a fitting conclusion to the year, on the last Saturday, with victory in a cross country in Durham.

Did she ever wonder, she was asked at Durham, when it would end? "Not really." she said. Three months later, she was wondering ... wondering what went wrong when she finished 41st in the world cross-country championship. A virus was offered as expla-

nation but it was only after she had finished fifth in the Olympic 10,000 metres, five months later, that anaemia was diagnosed. Medication was prescribed and she now feels back to her 1991 best. Not that 1992 has been

wasted. Not with a half-marathon world best (Tokyo again) of 67min 11sec, set in January, a 5,000 metres indoor world record of 15min 03.17sec. set in February. and, as first evidence that all is well again, the world half-marathon title, in 68min 53sec, in September. "Preparations for Tokyo

have been bang on a par with New York last year." Peter said. "Since Barcelona, Liz has trained consistently and her recent results have been So great, that wife beat

husband, one of Britain's steeplechasers at the world championships last year, on even terms in a 4.8-mile road race in Glasgow last weekend. A time around 2hr 24min in Tokyo would set up McColgan, 28, for an attempt

at a fast one next spring, four ionths before she defends her 10,000 metres world title in Stuttgart. The Boston and London marathons are tugging to buy her on to their start line and the rope will tighten if McColgan proves as good as her word this weekend.

Yet as far as championships are concerned, nothing she does in the marathon will dissuade her from the 10,000 metres next year, the year after or in 1995. Her championship marathon debut is planned for the Olympic Games in Atlanta in 1996.

Trainers who talk from years of experience

together, he'll be a force for a

Futch forecasts a period of

dominance of the division by

Bowe in conjunction with

Lewis, a rivalry to match that

between Ali and Frazier and then Ali and Norton. "I only

saw Lewis v Ruddock on

television," he said, "but the

speed of his punching was exceptional."

of Joe Louis in the 1930s and

a Golden Gloves winner. But

a heart murmur, the hard-

ship of the depression years

and the responsibility of

three children forced him to

quit. His love of boxing

ensured he continued as a

You see some trainers

shouting at their men in the

corner. Futch long ago real-

ised that, since the boxer has

to fight the fight, the trainer

can only have influence if

there is absolute trust be-

trainer.

Futch was a contemporary

long time."

David Miller assesses the views of those

close to the men who will fight for the

world heavyweight championship tonight

er and, when it all comes out record. The virtues that

as an old dried fig yet with a young boy's expecta-tion. Behind the eyes is all the knowledge gained from being in the corner at more than 30 world heavyweight title fights. Here is the definitive face of the ring, a man whose memory embraces most of the famous fights this century.

Eddie Futch is 81. He has trained 17 world champions. five of them heavyweight. When he says he thinks there will be a sixth tonight, it is not an opinion to be ignored lightly. The old man considers that Riddick Bowe, young enough to be his grandson, is among the best fighters he has handled.

Having guided the boy from Brownsville — one of the meanest districts of Brooklyn, where Bowe was briefly at school with Tyson throughout his 31 professional fights. Futch should know. In a sport where some managers and trainers mercilessly exploit their fighters. Futch is almost as close to

Bowe as a blood relation. Futch's stable has in-Frazier, Ken Norton, Larry Holmes. Michael Spinks and Trevor Berbick. Bowe is the first to have had the whole of his professional career shaped by the wisest hand in the game.

from the time

nox Lewis.

as good as most."

There is a sheen to Bowe's

physical appearance and

Futch casually dismisses the

allegation that shedding

30th or more over nine weeks

has weakened his man.

"He's the biggest I've

trained, at 6ft 5in and

235lb," Futch said. "He has

both skill and punching pow-

1988 Olympic final to Len-Duva: confident

Futch: inspires trust When I said that Norton tween them. So often, the would win, before his first boxer under pressure will

meeting with Ali, everyone respond only to instinct.
The better the fighter. thought I was crazy," Futch said. A smile flickers across Futch says, the more he will respond. "When Bowe leaves his face. "I thought he'd win the next two as well. I've the corner, he's going out watched Bowe develop over with my instructions. When the past 32 years. I've had he comes back, if they're not productive, I'll change it some great heavyweights in the past and he's going to be and he'll believe in it."

Bowe is no mumbling giant. His wit is as quick as his hands. He mimics showbusiness personalities: his response to questions is sometimes as oblique as those of Ali, his hero. By comparison with Bowe.

He thinks his man's spirit will see him through. So does George Benton, the co-trainer. Benton, a down-and-out middleweight nursing a gun-

shot wound, was taken on by Futch at the time he was with Frazier. His admiration of Holyfield is unbounded. To stop him, his opponent will have to kill him," he said. "He's a warrior. You don't have to talk him up for a fight. The opponent just has

to hit him. That just might be Holyfield's downfall. Bowe might hit him like no one has the champion is outmatched before, not even Foreman. I in most departments fancy Bowe to win inside the height, weight, reach, knockLinford Christie has been a busy man

at the Hampshire to publicise his appear-

ance in a Lucozade advertising campaign. it, "Mr Fat". "This time of the year, I am and needed weight-training sessions to look the part. "They made me drink too much Lucozade," he said, tongue in a not

Still tired from the end of the season, Christie said: "I do not think I have had enough rest. But if you don't train, you

will not stand idly by. "If it came to the crunch, I would bale them out," he said. A race against Desert Orchid, or a sculpture of his leg, should fund the project.

Cadle close to achieving goal

BASKETBALL

By Nicholas Harling

ENGLAND are on the verge of qualifying for the finals of the European championship for the first time after their dramatic 75-71 victory over Russia in Manchester on Wednesday.

If Kevin Cadle's team beats Denmark in Aarhus tomorrow, it will qualify - providing Bulgaria beat Russia later that evening. If. however, Russia overcome Bulgaria, England would also have to beat Bulgaria in Jambol next Wednesday to make certain of one of the two qualifying places.

It had generally been thought that, after losing by three points in Moscow in November, England had

eliminated Russia from the permutations by beating them by four points in the return on Wednesday. However, the English Basket Ball Association revealed after the match that points average would be used in the event of teams finishing level in the group, putting Russia back in with a

Leaving others to operate the slide-rules. England face Denmark knowing they can ill-afford to relax against hosts desperate to avoid a whitewash. "We have shown we can win at home but now it has become important that we are successful in other people's gyms," Cadle said.

He will doubtless be expecting another resolute performance from his players. "This type of basketball is all about defence," he said. "At this level, you have got to improve your defensive skills." England showed how far they had fulfilled Cadle's wish on Wednesday but must now do it all

again, maybe twice.

Mark Hubbard, who failed to make Cadle's squad, is likely to join his Guildford team's club side after having a transfer request granted by Worthing Bears.

FOR THE REPORTS

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FOOTBALL	finals, second leg: Cruzeiro (Br) 2.
checkay's late results A CUP: Third mund replays: Sheffield Urd 0, Scarborough 2, gyfe 1. LIAN CUP: International up A: Brimhogham 1, Barl 0; 2, Cesena 0; Lucchese 1, Litd 1; Ascot 1, Brendford 3.	(Par) 2 (Cruzetro win 3-2 on egg): (Ang) 1, Fiernengo (Br) 0 (Fiernengo on agg). BOHBRTION MATCH: Marchester 3, Brondby 2. FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Wen Borelsm Wood 1; Bedfort 1, Wy Wanderers 2.
UND 1; ASCOR I, Brembord 3.	

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COCA-COLA CUP: Third round replays:
Liverpool 3. Sheffield Und 0, Scarborough 2.
Pyrnouth Argyle 1.
ANGLO-ITALIAN CUP: International stage: Group A: Barningham 1, Barl 0;
Portsmouth 2, Cessena 0: Lucchese 1.
Novecastie Utd 1; Ascob 1, Brantiond 3.
Group B: Bristol City 0, Cosenza 2: Derby County 3, Pisa 0; Regiona 0, Tranzere 0.
Cremonase 2, West Ham 0.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division:
Aberdeen 2, Motherwell 0, Dundee Unitd 1, Catilo 1; Rangert 3, Dundee 1

B AND C CUP: Semi-final: Hamilton 1. B AND C CUP: Semi-final: Hamilton 1 Meadowbank 1 (act, Hamilton win 2-1 on pans) ABACUS WELSH CUP: Third round: Mold

with players seeking the vital

touch they hoped would see

them through the next six days

of the torture that is the PGA

European Tour qualifying

By next Wednesday eve-

ning, after six rounds at La

Grande Motte and Massane,

40 of the 183 starters will be in

possession of category 12

membership, which promises

access to the riches of the Volvo

However, the presence here

school.

ABACUS WELSH CUP: Inter round: Mold 1, Lansariffaid 2. KONICA LEAGUE CUP: Preliminary round: Briton Ferry 1, Afarr Ldc 4; Cwmbran 1, Ebbw Vale 1, Llanelf 0, Havefordwest 2. PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Leeds 0, Bolton 1: Sunderland 1, Stoke 2, Wolverhampton 1, Men City 1, Second division: Bleckpool 1, Huddorsheld 2, Burnley 3, Hul 2; Port Vale 2, Odrham 2. NEVULE OVENDEN. COMERNATION. Burnley 3, Hull 2; Pon Vale 2, Oldham 2.

NEVILLE OVERDEN COMBINATION:
First division: Brighton 1, Crystal Palace 3,
Charlson 2, Millheit 1; Fulham 2, Waslord 1,
Odord Urd 1, OPR 1; Luton 1, Portsmouth
1, Second division: Bristol Rovers 2,
Torquey Urd 0; Yeovil 1, Svansses 2
DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division:
Chestnem Urd 6, Bognor Riege 1.
HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division:
Colven Bay 3, Droysden 0 First division:
Lancasier Cry 0, Greet Harwood 1.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Commercial
Services Cup: Second round: Centerbury
City 1, Dover Alhette 3, Newport AFC 1,
Glouzester City 1
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Town 2, Horndeen 0.
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BASKETBALL

an indication that those riches

frequently prove tantalisingly

"I'm skint," Cartigill, a

Yorkshireman with a direct

way with words, said. But like

everyone else, Carrigill, 33, winner of the qualifying school way back in 1980, still

harbours dreams of that one

good week and a skint-free

existence. "I'm as good a player as I ever was," he said.

but the trouble is everyone's a

bit better every year."

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-first round: Group C: England 75, Russia 71. Group D: Romania 91, Sueden 77. NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Boston Cellics 108, Charlotte-Homes 99; Indiana Paness 120, Philadelphia 78ers 114, Milwautes Bucks 124, Dallas Mayericks 118; Houston Rodests 101, Alienta Hawks, 82 Chicago Bulls 98, Deltok Pistons 98 (OT), Los Angeles Cippers 109, Secremento Kings 101. BOWLS

CYCLING

BORDEAUX, France: Sk-day race: Land-ing positions after first day: 1, P Rub-Cabestery (Sp) and E De Wide (Bel), Stots. One lap behind: 2, G Duclos-Lessale (Fr) and J Vegperby (Den), 78; 3, L Bondi and P Tarantin (Fr), 75; 4, A Doyle and S Wallace (GB), 46.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NI-L). Bufalo Sabres 7, Boston Bruhrs 2: Celgary Flerines 4, Hartford Whalen 3, Montreal Caractions 8, New Jensey Devills 3, Washington Caractics 7, New York Parsons 3; 1 Custos Nordiques 7, Ottaws Santons 3; Tempa Bay Lightning 6, Detroft Red Wings 4,

FOOTBALL:

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION First division: Norwich y Portsmouth (7.30) JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEA-GUE Premier division: Falenham v

RUGBY UNION Tour matches CLUB MATCHES (7.15): Bristol. v Wasps; Cambridge University v Bed-lord; Lelcester v Northampton.

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Pirst division: Widnes v Wigan (7.30). OTHER SPORT GOLF: PGA European Tour: Women's qualifying school (Montpeller). SNOOKER: LIK championship (Pre-TENNS: LTA women's challenger tour

RUGBY LEAGUE

NOSL BRUCE CUP: First round: Tonbridge I/U Scuring and A Spuring) by Tonbridge I/U K Walter and P Le Merchand, 16-1, 15-8, 15-1, 15-11; Wellington I (T Cockroft and D Mellinson) by Rugby I/G Develor and A Anton, 17-14, 5-15, 15-1, 15-12, 15-7; Harrow I/U Prenn and C Hue Williams) by Martborough III (A Mayfor and J Heeld), 15-0, 15-9; 12-1, 15-0, 15-9; Eton J I/W Boone and M Hue Williams) by Harrow V (C Denby and A de Cedenet), 15-4, 15-7, 15-2, 15-1; Melhem I/M and P Nichole) by Melvern I/U Hughes and R Messon), 15-5, 15-4, 1-15, 15-10, 15-12. RUGBY LEAGUE STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Leigh 11, St Heiens 6

RUGBY UNION

CLUS MATCH: Newport 40, Newport and District 19 UNDER-21 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP-North Midlands 14, Warwickshire 32 UNDER-18 SCHOOLS COUNTY MATCH: Warwickshire 11, Cloucestershire 17

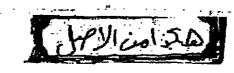
ANTWERP: European Community men's championship: First round: I Lend (US) bit P Hastruss (Holl, 7-5, 6-1. Second round: M Chang (US) bit V woodbridge (Mus), 6-1. 6-2. J Counter (US) bit J Sénchez (Spl., 6-3. 6-3. M Lansson (Swe) bit T Nijssen (Holl), 4-6. 7-8. T-8. M Woodbridge (Mus) bit Land, 6-4, 6-2. M Siich (Ger) bit C Costa (Sp), 6-4, 6-4.

PHILADELPHIA: Women's lournament: First round: G Fernandez (US) bt L Savohanko-Nasiand (Lst), 7-5, 6-5; Delegual) tr F Fathank-Noisfler (US), 6-2, 7-5 Second round: G Sabasini (Arg) bit F Strivery (US), 7-6, 7-5; J Capitall (US) bit Burgen (US), 6-2, 6-0; L Raymond: (US) bit A Frazier (US), 6-4, 6-4; C Martinez (SD) bit Z Germson (US), 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, A Sanchez Victario (So) bit A Coabser (SA), 7-6.

3, 8.3.
MANCHESTER: Texaco women's challenger tournament: Ouester-linats: C
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(Bul), 6.4, 8.2; N Feber (Bel) bit R Drasporal (Rom), 3.4, 7.5, 7.5; E Materova (CS) bit P
Bognow (Ges), 6.2, 7.5; A Olivier (Fr) bit P
Kernstra (Holl), 6.4, 5.7, 6.3. VOLLEYBALL

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Glasgow Powerhouse
Streamline Hagehead Jets Edinburgh University



Conditions favour Bradbury Star

season's leading novice chasers, can make a successful return in the valuable Steel Plate and Sections Young Chasers Championship Final at Cheltenham today.

The winner of seven of his eight completed starts over fences, the Josh Giffordtrained seven-year-old put up his finest performance on today's track in March when he ran the unbeaten Münnehoma to half a length in the Sun Alliance Chase, having already won twice on the track.

The fact that they drew ten lengths clear of the remainder that day and broke the track record was clear evidence of their superiority.

Afterwards, Bradbury Star gained the consolation prize that he so richly deserved when he won the Mumm Mildmay Novices' Chase at

At first sight, it might appear that he has a lot on his

plate with 11st 12lb to carry in his first race of the new

In fact, the conditions are stacked in his favour because this is a handicap with a restricted weight range, bottom weight being limited to 10st 5lb. As a result, the other five runners are all a stone or more out of the handicap. For any of that quintet to



Gifford: fancied runners at two meetings today

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

win today, Bradbury Star will have to be way below par. However, the word from Findon is that he is as fit and as well as he was last autumn when he easily won a qualifying race for today's final at

Kempton. Whaat Fettle, who has won his last three races, and Le Piccolage, who ran with promise at Bangor first time out, look the best of Bradbury Star's rivals.

Although the field for the ASW Hurdle is small. it includes three of the best recruits to hurdling last season in Stanneh Friend, Al Muzahm and Duke Of Monmouth, winner of the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle. The fourth member of the

More Dream, who served notice that he is also one to be reckoned with when runnerup to Jinxy Jack on his seasonal debut at Kempton last month.

Al Mutahm, third in the Triumph Hurdle, beaten eight and a half lengths, went on to prove himself a smart horse on the Flat in the spring. winning two races, the second of which was the group three Insulpak Sagaro Stakes at Ascot in April. Jim Old's versatile campaigner has not

run since.
Duke Of Monmouth was due to have run at Newbury last month but he was withdrawn on the day of the race because he had knocked himself when rolling in his box the night before. However, he is reported to be fine again now by his trainer. Simon Sherwood, whose horses are run-

In his absence, that race at field is the promising One Newbury was won easily by

know when to race horses, but

my impression is that people

know when they have got

coughing going through their

spread from yard to yard by

horses that meet at races.

Certainly some epidemics in

the past have spread at race

meetings," Wood said. "It is a

highly contagious disease and spreads very rapidly through

Unfortunately, flu can be

Staunch Friend, who had beaten Duke Of Monmouth in a valuable race in Ireland in the spring, having earlier been pulled up behind him in the Triumph Hurdle. On balance, the scales look marginally

favour this time. Earlier in the programme, the Hackett Handicap Chase can go to King Of The Lot from David Nicholson's inform local stable. Said by his trainer to need a left-handed track and decent ground, King Of The Lot will now get precisely that.

tipped in Staunch Friend's

Having won nicely at Wetherby first time out, he should prove just too good at these weights for Clay County, whose task has not been improved by the 5lb penalty he picked up when winning at

At Huntingdon, Josh Gifford's chance of also win-ning the Macer Gifford Handicap Chase, run annually in memory of his brother, rests with Champagne Lad who, following a promising pipe-opener at Newbury in the race won by Travado, can deny Good Tonic his second successive victory in the race. Wellwotdouthink, a smart

bumper winner for Mary

Reveley last season, is napped to make a successful start to her jumping career at Ayr by winning the EBF National Hunt Novices' Hurdle qualifier at the expense of Frickley, who has to concede her 15lb. Mrs Reveley and Peter Niven, should also be on the mark with Majed in the Galloway Hills Novices' Hurdle and Ambuscade in the Lang Whang Handicap Hurdle. Both are making their

seasonal debuts over hurdles

but are fit from recent runs on

Barton Bank looks early Cheltenham candidate

Richard Evans, racing

correspondent, selects

his ten to follow for the

National Hunt season

BARTON BANK could be the best of David Nicholson's impressive crop of novice chasers. He was speedy enough to win over hurdles at Aintree last season, but jumping fences was always going to be his game. Highly impressive in two starts this season, he already looks a Cheltenham festival candi-

BRADBURY STAR has not stopped improving since moving to Josh Gifford's yard as a four-year-old. One of the top novice chasers last season, he won seven times and was narrowly beaten in the best Sun Alliance Chase for years. Still only seven, he is versatile and a sound

CAB ON TARGET was in

my ten to follow last season

and more than deserves his place this year. Only sickness, which hit Mary Reveley's string in February. prevented the Strong Gale gelding challenging for top honours at Cheltenham and Liverpool following three victories. Beaten only twice in three seasons, he is now set to go novice chasing.

CAROBEE is one of the most exciting novice hurdlers to emerge for years. Impressive when winning the Swish Hurdle at Chepstow, he showed himself a potential champion when following up at Liverpool, where conditions were not

of foot, he has raced mostly

CHATAM's jumping can be less than foot perfect and his best performances are unquestionably reserved for left-handed courses. Nonetheless, Martin Pipe's chaser has a touch of class as he demonstrated when win-ning last year's Hennessy Gold Cup. The eight-year-

in good staying chases including, in an open year, the Cheltenham Gold Cup.

GALE AGAIN could scale the heights for the successful Peter Piller-Arthur Stephenson partnership. Sent chasing as a four-year-old in 1991 after two successes over hurdles, the Strong Gale gelding won three times in decent company and can

old only ran once more but

could make up for lost time

ideal. If all goes well, David Nicholson's five-year-old will go for the Champion Hur-dle, Blessed with a fine turn

Pipe: has top hurdler in Granville Again

only continue to progress. Runs in tomorrow's Macke-

son Gold Cup. GRANVILLE AGAIN deserves to be favourite for the Champion Hurdle, a race he would have probably won last year but for falling two out. A full brother to Morley Street, Martin Pipe's top hurdler gained some compensation by subsequently winning the Scottish Champion Hurdle in style. His best performance to date better than that of Royal Gait at Cheltenham - gave him his ninth success in 11 completed outings. He acts on any going and possesses

instant acceleration.
REMITTANCE MAN was also featured last year and is now probably the best chaser in the land. The only question to be determined is his best trip. Three miles appeared to stretch his stamina during the last campaign but his breeding suggests the distance should not be a problem, in which case Nicky Henderson's chaser could be one of the favourites for the Gold Cup in March. ROMANY KING is also retained from last year's list following three wins and a second in the Grand National. Toby Balding's chaser is only eight, appeared as well as ever when winning comfortably at Exeter recent-ly, and is blessed with useful finishing speed. TERAO revels in the mud

over three miles plus. Martin Pipe's hurdler boasts useful form, having defeated Bishops Island at Uttoxeter, but looks every inch a chaser.

Flu outbreak in jump yards confirmed

By RICHARD EVANS

RACING'S worst fears were realised yesterday when the Animal Health Trust confirmed an outbreak of influenza at some National Hunt

The highly contagious illness first struck a batch of non-thoroughbred horses shortly after they arrived from Ireland in October. Since then

it has spread to hit a "hand-ful" of jumping stables. "Twenty or thirty cases have been confirmed and we are now waiting with bated breath to see what happens," James Wood, a vet with the Newmarket-based trust, said

MANDARIN

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1.15 Captain Frisk. 1.50 Miss Bobby Bernett.

RICHARD EVANS: 2.25 KING OF THE LOT (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.15 CAPTAIN FRISK.

1.15 COLIN VALLEY FISH AND GAME COMPANY NOVICES CHASE

BETTING: 2-1 Captain Fack, 3-1 Ster Actor, 4-1 Overhersenventiere, 11-2 Transactionan Toolsie, 7-1 Military Secret, 18-1 Name So Wesp., 20-1 Pats Ministel. 1991: FAR SENDOR 5-12-3 M Armytage (4-5 lav) K Badley 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

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refer (3m 2f good) nowner classe. CAPTAN FRISK 1 100d, good to safe opene classe. THANESCOWN 2) and of 15 to Ferton Brage in Barger (3m 1 10d, good to safe opene Lady in Wingarian 10d, good to safe opene Lady in Wingarian Can 31, good) nowled classe. So Wisse best effort the term 61 2od of 9 to Fort

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Long handicap Fartheldt Sone 9-13, Saltyanap 9-10, Caleston 9-7.
BETTING & 1 Med Bothty Bennet; 3-7 Fartheldt Cone 4-1 Scotom, 5-1 Ballyana, 7-1 Ask Moss, 10-1 others.
1991: THE WIDGET MAN 5-11-8 P Hide (11-2) J Galland 11 cm

FORM FOCUS

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2.25 King Of The Lot.

3.00 Bradbury Star.

3.35 Steunch Friend.

3,35 One More Dream.

(Arnateurs, £4,240; 3m 1f) (7-minners)

1.50 HIGHFLYERS HANDICAP HURDLE (Conditionals: £3,002: 2m 5f) (7 runners)

yesterday. "We had a flare-up last week. It had been quiet for a couple of weeks before

Under Jockey Club rules, National Hunt horses have to be inoculated against influenza, but the vaccination does not prevent the A2 strain affecting horses - although it does prevent the worst of the

"Where there have been a mixture of vaccinated horses and younger horses that have not been vaccinated, those without inoculations have

been as sick as dogs. "I have seen some of them with pus pouring out of their eyes and noses, their heads

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1.15 Captain Frisk. 1.50 Fairfields Cone.

2.25 King Of The Lot.

3.00 Bradbury Star.

3.35 Staunch Friend

4.05 GAELSTROM (nap).

hanging down and with a hacking cough. Vaccination does produce beneficial effects when horses get flu." Wood added.

"What we have seen in the last few weeks confirms that flu is a very nasty disease for the unvaccinated animal." Flu can spread through a large yard with a hundred

horses in two or three weeks; a 50-strong string could be hit inside 10 days. The symptoms are usually higher than normal tempera-

groups of horses." The current vaccination contains strains of flu which tures, some coughing and dirty noses. "Some people are ten years out of date, hence its partial effectiveness. complain it is harder to recog-Vaccines with newer strains of flu may be available before nise because of the vaccination and so trainers don't the end of the year.

FORM FOCUS

KING OF THE LOT best Doep Sercation 31 in 6-numer Welkerby (2m, good) handless class. CLAY COUNTY best Moment of Triefs 21 in 6-mains (1965) 2m 11, good) handless chase. REPEAT THE DOSE best affort, 51 3rd of 7 to Manamental Lad in MANDARIN

12.55 Majed. 1.25 Fishki. 1.55 WELLWOTDOUTHINK (nap). 3.00 STEEL PLATE AND SECTIONS YOUNG CHASERS BBC2 CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL (Limited handicap: £13,420: 3m 1f) (6 runners) 2.25 Ambuscade. 2.55 Clares Own. 111121- BRADBURY STAR 224 (C.D.F.A.S) JJ Compbeth J Giberd 7-11-12 ___ D Morphy 94
35-3111 WHART FETTLE 9 (D.S) (Edinburgh Woodles Milt) G Belasels 7-10-5 M Molomey (\$\frac{1}{2}\)
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2/11F1-2 LE PICCOLAGE 14 (F.6) (Led Mostyn) M Henderson B-10-5 ______ R Durwondy 85
4/245-2 (G.EMBROCK D'OR 19 (B) (*) (Leddhester) A.J Wilson B-10-5 ______ L Hartey 182
3P1F4U TAKEMETHERE 255 (F.S) (J Greenwood) M Pape 8-10-5 ______ J Linker 69 3.25 Steel Congress

Long handisgo: Wrest Fettle 9-5, OK Corrol 8-13, Le Piccolage 8-13, Gienbrook D'Dr 8-12, Talemenhern 8-10. BETTRIG: 4-9 Bradbury Sur, 4-1 Whest Fettle, 13-2 Le Piccolage, 10-1 Talemenhern, 12-1 Glenbrook d'Dr. 16-1 OK Corrol. 1991: TEPPENG TIEM 6-10-5 C LIEWEDAN (C-1 law) H Treston-Davies B ran

FORM FOCUS

BRADEURY STAR beg: Jodson 34 in Fruence grade 8 Memon Novice Chase at Liverpool (5m 1), grade 8 Memon Novice Chase at Liverpool (5m 1), grade 1 Memon Novice Chase at Liverpool (5m 1), grade 1 10 in 5-source (6th April WHAAT FETTLE beat Intern Lib chase (1852), Jan 11, good) Translacap Selection: BRADEURY STAR 3.35 ASW HURDLE (£4,707: 2m 110yd) (4 numers)

BETTING: 4-7 Staunet: Friend, 11-4 Doke Of Morrhouth, 6-1 Al Mutahm, 8-1 Oke More Dream.

1991: SYBBLUN 5-11-7 Ut Dayer (Evens by) Jammy Fargerald 4 ran FORM FOCUS

DUKE OF MONAMOUTH beat Crossted House 61 on 30-mores Triumach Hardie here (2m. good) as March with AL MUTAHM (7th better of) 2451 3rd and STAUMEN FREED pulled up. STAUMEN FRIEND hear Diamond Cut 125 in 4-mones Hendury (2m 100yd, good) burdle. Previously beat Must Station 121 in Vision hurdle at Purchestown (2m, heavy) in April with DUNC OF MONADUTH 91 3rd. ONE MORE DREAM 107 2nd of 5 to Jinny, Jack in Kempton (2m, good) hurdle AL MUTAHM to Supreme Choice ink in Ascol group 10 on Pat. Selection: STAUNCH PRIEMD.

4.05 CAPITAL VENTURES NOVICES HURDLE

(£2,898· 3m 2f) (8 runners) BETTING: 5-4 Gaelstrom, 71-4 Musicapeasing, 3-1 Unholy Alkansa, 6-1 One Man. 20-1 Drumbera, 33-1 others. 1991: MANERS LUCK 6-11-4 R Durmoody (9-4 tar) D Microboo 8 ran FORM FOCUS

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Marston, 11-2), 2, Johns, Joy (P Holley, 11-11: 3, Le Metayer (A Tory, 6-4 tay), ALSO RAN: 4 Knock To Enter (url, 11 Crystal Heights (pu), 16 Surfaley Sparific (4th), 18 Green's Thiogy, 20 Solemn Metody (pu), Mabel Brown (pu), Mary Borough (pu), 25 Dibloom (5th), 33 Held Of A Guy (6th), 65 Budget (pu), 100 Squibs Ham 14 ran 294, 21, 31, 30, 51 P. Leach at Tauron, Tota: 24.50- E1.70, E1.90, E1.50 DF: E19.20, CSF: CST 97. E6 67.

2.30 (2m hdle) 1, MARTIN'S LAMP (D Murphy, 7-2): 2, Cool Glown (P Scutarnore, 6-1), 3, Seasastic Boy (C Lewellyn, 50-1), 41, SO RAN 5-2 tay Fair Brother (5th), 6 Howaryabd, 13-2 S-dge Warbler (5th), 6 Howaryabd, 13-2 S-dge Warbler (5th), 20 Moet Rach (5th), 25 Rosen The Beau, 33 Joven Top, 50 Carlington Lights, Gen-Tech, Milles Own, Aldington Milpond (pu), Moyrsha House (pu), Royal Frieworks (pu), 5 and King (pu), Versallasponcess (pu), 17 an, 5, 8, 3, 12, 8 J. Glitord at Finden Tote 24:30: Ch 90, 12, 40, DS 80 DF 214:50. CSF: 223-43. CSF 257 97.

2.20 (2m 3' ch) 1, NORTHERN SADDLER (W Irvne, 11-2); 2, Fighting Days (G Moore, 11-2); 3, Fred Splendid; IA Tory, 33-11, ALSO RAN; 11-8 fav Enc's Tran (f), 9-2 Carbonate (f), 16 Battle Bisze (f), 20 The Barren Arctic (bd), 56 Nothingbutplessure (f), 6en (f) 9 ran 20, 11, R Hodges at Sommerion Toter 25.10, CT.10, 62.00, 53.30. DF \$28.60 CSF, \$23.41 Thoast \$278.36. 22.40, ES 80 UP \$14.50 CSP \$23.40.
Harray, 85-40; Mandarin's nap). 2, Paelade (R Duracody, 13-8 tav); 3, Gladtogetit (A Magure, 6-1) ALSO RAN. 7 Fighting Jessica (4th), 20 Warner's End (5in), Fine At Will (100). 6 fan NR: Ogendetta, 31, 51, 51, 1½!, Mrs I McNie at Tuyford, Tote: £2.90, £1.60, £1.60 DF £2.80, CSF; £5.89. E3.30. DF C8.60 CSF. C31.41 Troast: £778.36.

2.50 (2m 11 hds) 1, EMERALD MOON (S Burough, 8-1); 2, Romola Nijinsky (M A Fizzgerald, 9-2); 3, Limone Dancer (Mr G Lewis, 10-1), ALSO RAN: 5-2 tax Bundle Ot Luci- (6th), 5 Model Nurse (5th), 13-2 Brighna (4th), 9 Distant Memory, 25 Loon, 33 Laveligm, 65 County Contractor. 10 ran 2, 1%1, 1%, 11, 2, W G Tumer at Okehampton. Tole: £5.50; £1.60, £1.60, £5.30. DF: £7.30 CSF £40 12, Tricast. £29.77. No bid 3.20 (3m ch) 1, POWDER BOY (N Dawe, 5-1), 2, Height Of Fun (M A FitzGereid, 6-1); 3, Rare Luck (D Leafly, 13-2), ALSO RAN: 5-2 tax Roscos Harvey (5th), 7 Outber L'Ermu (4th), 17-2 Ballydden (6th), 12 Royal Craftsman (pu), Avormouthsectetary (pu), 8 can. £31, 154, 2, nk, 301 Mrs. J Dawe at Bridgwater, Tote: £9 00: £2.80, £1.30, £2.70. DF: £12.30 CSF £50.68 Tricast £170.49, After a stewards' enqury, result stood. 92.80. CSF: £5.89.
3.30 (2m 5/ hdile) 1. PEATSWOOD (Lome Vincent, 5-1): 2. Passed Pawn (P. Scudamore, 13-2); 3. Rhomen Coin (R. Supple, 14-1) ALSO RAN: 5-2 tax Swifty Express (5ff), 4 Miss. Smore (4ff), Gallari Effort, 20 Woodfands Genpower, 33 Prince Klenk, (6ff), 8 ran. 11, 12, 51, 51, 51. M. Chariron al Upper Lambourn, 76tr 56: 10; 21.60, 21.40, 23.20. DF: 227.30. CSF: 233.06 Tincast; 2379.69

result stood.
3.50 (2m 31 110yds) 1, BELLEZZA (Mr k. Goble, 66-11; 2, Alton Bay (Mr G. Haine, 17-21; 3, Little Big (Mr T. Jenks, 10-1), ALSO RAN; 9-4 lav Snowy Lane (Stit), 11-4 Saver Age (4th.), 6 Austroppe Surses (8th.), Rastar, 33 South Sands (ut), 56 Borreto 9 ran. 61, 94, 151, 21, 11, A. Moore at Brighton Tote: DSS 60; 611, 40, 61, 80, 61, 40, 08; 669, 90 CSF (455, 58), Tricast 25, 333, 25. result stood.

i France (symphony in D minor) 18.00 Adner Love 1.00-8.00am Robert Booth

2.25 LANG WHANG HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,436: 3m 110yd) (5 runners) THUNDERER

12.55 Majed. 1,25 Fishki. 1.55 Wellwotdouthink. 2.25 Ambuscade. 2.55 Clares Own. 3.25 Programmed To Win.

on soft ground.

Richard Evans: 2.25 Rose Tableau

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT IN PLACES)

12.55 GALLOWAY HILLS NOVICES HURDLE (£2,008: 2m) (12 runners) DUD GALLOWAY HILLS NOVICES HURDLE (£2,008: 2m) (12 runners)

0840-1\$ APACHE BRAVE 23 (0,0) (Mrs. M Carbot) J Goulding 7:11-5 ... C Dennis (3) 86
CATHNIESS LOUID 513# (R Gene) (*Parte 4-10-12 ... A Merrigan
000-20 CHEEN POT 6 (V) (Miss L Dovies) Denys Smith 4-10-12 ... P Waggoti (7) 77
2 CLARE COAST 7 (J Mode) J Wade 6-10-12 ... K Jones 94
5.2 GLASTORGALE (8) (S Gibbotn) J British 6-10-12 ... A Jones 68
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5 NSLING 0G 27 (R McDonald) R McDonald 5-10-7 ... Mrs S Love -BETTING, 2-1 Mayer, 9-2 Thisde Memerch, 6-1 J P Morgan, 7-1 Clare Coast, 8-1 Kauser, 12-1 Apache Stane, GlassonCale, 14-1 Assing Og. 16-1 others 1991: WEST WITH THE WIND 4-11-4 J Callagram (11-4) G Moore 17 ran

502-314 SHERMAED 7 (F.B) (hirs J Goodellow) Mrs J Goodellow 10-11-2. A Ortoney 76 23500-5 DICKE'S GM 7 (S) (J Wade) J Wade B-11-0. K Jones 67 /53/49! LAST OF THE FLES 651 (Mc Macinggart) A Macinggart 11-11-0 Mr D Macinggart — TARTAN TYRANT (Eduburgh Woollen Mill) 6 Richards 6-11-0. H Doughly — OPGS- WHEILING CORE 209 (W Berlei) B Rothwell 7-11-0. A Meringan 46245-32 ZAM BRE 7 (N Green) W Rend 6-11-0. T Reed 5310-120- HSNR0 10F (S) (South Yelly Racing Chap) M Hammand 6-10-9. P Niver — BETTING: 11-8 Fishin, 9-2 Zero Bee, 11-2 Whirling Cone, 7-1 Tartan Tyrani, 8-1 Stermago, 16-1 Dictie's Gia, 25-1 Last Of The Pres.

1991; DFF THE BRU 6-11-0 Mir J Bradburne (25-1) Mrs S Bradburne 10 ran 1.55 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,654: 2m) (7 runners) BETTING: 4-5 Webwoodoudwill, 11-4 Frickley, 10-1 Califmens Prince, Capitalin Tancred, 14-1 Back Belore Dawn, 20-1 others.

1991: PLOWING RIVER 5-11-0 B States 45-4 tax R Alico 15 nm

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12.45 Misty, 1.15 Champagne Lad. 1.45 Doolar. 2.20 Notary-Nowell. 2.50 Hymne D'Amour. 3.20 THUNDERER 12.45 Misty, 1.15 Two Step Rhythm, 1.45 Factorum, 2.20 Kino, 2.50 Hymne D'Amour, 3.20, Banker's

GOING: GOOD (SOFT PATCHES)

12.45 KIMBOLTON NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES CLAIMING HUNDLE (£1,305; 2m 5f 110yd) (8 runners) 1 44-3 MSTY 21 (BP) T Forster 5-11-7. ... C Livenshyn
2 P-FT DLEIGH'S STAR 16 A Moore 8-11-1. ... G Moore
3 3P-5 EASSY NOPES 20 St Actioned 6-11-0. ... R Gardiny
4 D54 CAMPLE GLOW 24 Mars F Wahyn 4-10-11. ... 5 de Heart
5 12-5 EARLHAM 7 (V) O Bronzan 6-10-11. ... M Brannan
6 2-45 CARSNEH DECOME 8 J Brackey 7-10-7 ... Mr G Levice (7)
7 5 MSRNY HEL 78 D East-Obt 4-10-7 ... A Maguine
8 00 DUR LITTLE GEM 32 J White 4-10-7 ... D Styrme

5-4 Maty, 3-1 Easty Hopes, 13-2 Custnets Decord, 8-1 Eastham, 12 Meny Hill, 14-1 Carolle Glow, Our Little Sem, 33-1 others.

1.15 MACER GIFFORD HANDICAP CHASE

2-1 Good Torse, 9-2 Ptat Reav, 5-1 Cos, 6-1 Two Step Rhythm, 7-1 Champagna Lad. 8-1 Empey 4-10-1 Very Onthrary

1.45 GOODLIFF HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,021: 2m 110yd) (12)

11-4 Gooler, 7-2 Factolum, 5-1 Procequendo, 6-1 Sea Bregher, 7-1 Early Brosce, 6-1 Hold Coart, 10-1 Bever, 12-1 others,

Long handises: Celor, Braszr 9-12, Rose Tableau 9-11.
BETTING: 7-4 Ambuscade, 9-4 The Demon, Barber, 7-2 Rosa Tableau. 8-1 Mils Mil, 20-1 Celtic Breeze
1991: KILLAN MY BOY 8-10-9 C O'Dwyar (13-2) P Kelly (Ire) 9 ram

 $2.55\,$ mossblown conditional Jockeys Handicap Chase (£2,200: 2m) (4 runners)

BETTING: 7-4 Clares Own, 5-2 Patri House 11-4 Sonse Mo. 18-1 Rosswille 1991. INTEREM LIB 9-10-6 P Williams (7-2) Mrs 5 Pradicine 7 feb

3.25 FIVEWAYS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

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BETTING: 3-1 Rey Boy, 7-2 Hosel, 4-1 Cetar Song, 5-1 Big Mac, 6-1 Programmes To Wir. 5-1 Steel Congress 14-1 Others.

1991. CHARLOTTE'S EMMA 4-10-9 B Storey (3-1) "Ars 4 Geoccetton 7 res

JOCKEYS TRAINERS Mass G Reveloy G Rechards G Moore Mrs S Bradoume J J O'Nelli M Hammond

Brooks vows to boycott Taunton

CHARLIE Brooks vowed never to run another horse at Taunton after an incident in the Haygrass Handicap

Chase yesterday. Brooks's Roscoe Harvey was hampered in the back straight by the winner. Powder Boy. Brooks watched the race on

SIS and, when the stewards

confirmed the placings, rang the track to vent his rage. The officials deemed the interference accidental but Brooks said: "Some action should have been taken. The stewards were prepared to accept it and, if that is their view, I'm not prepared to send

another horse to Taunton."

2.20 PETER CROSSMAN NOVICES CHASE (£2,251: 2m 4f 110yd) (10)

1 2134 ARDCRONEY CHIEF 13 (6) D Sandolfo 6-11-7 ... G Upton
2 5182 KRND 17 (6 G.St S Sanwood S-11-6 ... J Osborne
3 -543 ALDDRSTON BELL 10 (8,7) C Trietine 9-11-0 ... B Redgreate
4 3 ALIDNRASS 69 57 Upton 8-71-0 ... R Supple
5 R30 CASINO MAGIC 382 J Spearing 9-11-0 ... R Bellamy
6 AP COLNE VALLEY KRD 17 (8,5) A Moore 7-11-0 ... B Moore
7 3112 NOTARY-MOWELL 13 (G) F Murphy 6-11-0 ... A Maguint
8 50-6 EBRE'S TRAIN 41 (8) 6 Belding 6-11-0 ... R Buses
9 016-11EL YOU WHAT 236 (F) T Corey 7-11-0 ... B Powell
10 419- SMITTON LANE 212 (F,G.S) J Edwards 6-10-9 ... Williamson

2.50 ERMINE STREET MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE (£1,723: 2m 110yd) (13)

5-4 Hymne D'Amous, 4-1 Run Fast Fox Gold, 8-1 Capayacano Girl, Pete Gale, 9-1 Sally Solvan, 14-1 Mayestic Melady, Strap Top, 20-1 others.

3.20 BEDFORD HANDICAP CHASE (Conditionals. £2,052: 3m) (6)

11-8 Propins 3-1 Curnew, 5-1 Banker's Gossip, 6-1 Marchlander 9-1 John O'Dec, 16-1 My Sloway.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: R. Aleberti, 3. winners from 6. namess., 50.0%. T. Etherington, 5 from 16, 31.3%; F. Murphy, 17 from 71, 23.9%; M. Pyan, 9 from 39, 23.1%; Mass M. Kaught, 4 from 15, 22.2%, D. Nichtolson, 11 from 50, 22.0% JOCKEYS: 6 McCourt. 7 winners from 32 rices. 21.9%: M Petrett. 9 from 43, 20.9%. A Maguira. 8 from 41, 19.5%; E Maguiy. 4 from 21, 17.4%. J Osborne. 6 from 35, 17.1%. J Ryan. 5 from 31, 16.1%

☐ Gee Armytage, the champion woman jump jockey, received a suspected broken left arm in a fall from Battle Blaze in the Corfe Novices' Handicap Chase at Taunton yesterday.

Bailey chaser gets all clear

KINGS Fountain was yesterday given a clean bill of health tor the Mackeson Gold Cup at Cheltenham tomorrow. Kim Bailey has managed to keep his chaser away from the coughing that is affecting some stable companions.
"There are about eight hors-

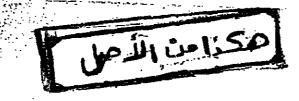
es coughing now, and the decision to move them away from Kings Fountain appears to have worked because he is still in fine shape." the Lambourn trainer said.

Howard Johnson has booked Graham McCourt to

ride Edberg, with Declan Murphy preferring to partner Brandeston. Betting interest yesterday centred on former Champion hurdler Beech Road, down to 10-1 having initially been available at 20-1.

Hills bet: 9-2 Another Coral, 7-1 Edberg, Kings Fountain, 8-1 Gale Again, 10-1 Beech Road, 12-1 bar.





Australia reserve the right to fall short of their best



gnoring the unpleasant-ness at Neath for the moment, it has been said that Australia's matches in Wales have exposed their limitations. It is said they lack strength in depth. That may be so but is this not a burden under which any other team eminence might also

England, for all their vast playing resources, are no different Remove Carling and Guscott and listen to the reverberations. After all, it is the best players who carve a ream's reputation. And what is left must be second best. Only the few get to drink wine

at the top table. If New Zealand manage better than most to overcome their pattern of play - for-ward-dominated, back-row influenced and half-back supported - extends unbroken from the Bay of Islands to the north of their country to Otago in the south.

The stereotype has existed for a century. They admire and breed the same kind of player from top to bottom and feel secure in their shell of Briefly for them, it changed.

Under Shelford, three years ago, Schuster, Stanley, Botica, Innes and Little were able to play, inspired by the running John Gallagher from full back, with a more fanciful eye to the open spaces. When, in the World Cup, they tried to



GERALD DAVIES

Rugby Commentary

players, their limitations were exposed. Individual talent is hard to replace collective technique is not. The one is a matter of birth, the other of perspiration.

In this respect, you need only think of David Campese and a difference he makes to any strategy. Remove him and any well laid plans would have to change. Australia have established a prestige by playing with invention and anistry. There are many risks to take, many delicate manoeuvres to realise. This is different from repeating a familiar routine.

Australia would not survive the tour by selecting their best team all the time. But neither have they rung the changes gradually, in twos or threes, but rather in large chunks. Their best team has yet to play in Wales. And it is this team. not the various permutations from within the squad, who are the world champions.

We need not argue their greatness. But once their recognised team is radically altered, as Australia's management has allowed, they become uncertain. If they retain the look of confidence, they are self-consciously so.

The problem facing Austra-

lia is the problem facing all teams. When the full complement of players who established the reputation is not available, how good are those in the reserves?

The answer is invariably that they are, whoever they are, never quite as good. They

style. To wish it otherwise is the impossibility of their position. The nature of excellence or greatness is that few indeed are blessed with either.

While a great team can make a good player better, no international team can conceal a weakness or can afford to shelter an ordinary player.

o that when Matthew Ryan, the prop, unbalanced the front row against Swansea, the Austrahan scrum suffered. And when Tombs, Walker and Wallace formed the midfield trio last Saturday, no one had any right to expect them to were Horan, Little and

Lynagh: or that Eckert, their third-choice scrum half since the World Cup, should emerge suddenly as a Slattery. let alone a Farr-Jones.

in any parlour game selection of a world team, every one of Australia's best would be in with a shout for his position. Each is his own man. Each complements and supports his colleague without needing to cover his col-league's weaknesses. There is no exploitable flaw. It is not so

for the others. For Wales, it is only when their national team plays the best the touring party can offer that a truer as progress over the last year can be made. And for Australia to confirm their credentials.

Woodforde

CRICKET

Donald is fit to play an important role on historic occasion

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN DURBAN Allan Donald passed a fit-

ness test yesterday and recent

Indian form suggests he could

prove the decisive factor if he really can bowl at his most

blistering speed.

WHEN South Africa completed a 4-0 win against Australia at Port Elizabeth in March 1970, no one realised it would be the last Test in the country for 23 seasons. Two decades of isolation end today when South Africa and India start their series here.

India's presence in this country for the first time underlines the way political sporting history is

unfolding.
Coupled with the rugby union international at Twickenham tomorrow, this Test match marks the most momentous weekend within memory for this sports-mad

country. What promises to be a memorable series in several ways will also be the first in which a third, off the field. umpire will be called on if necessary to adjudicate difficult run out, stumping and hitwicket decisions with the help of television replays.

The third official will light up a green bulb if the batsman is out and a red one if the decision is in his favour.

South Africa must be conred lavouries to decome the first winners of the commemorative Friendship Trophy, which the sponsors have presented in perpetuity for Test series between the two

West Indians

suffer first

defeat of tour

Canberra: The Australian

Prime Minister's XI beat the

West Indians by three runs in

their 50-over one-day match

yesterday. Dean Jones com-

piled a fine 76 in the Austra-

lians' 233 for seven while the

West Indians scored 230 for

The defeat was the West

Indians' first in four games on

their tour, with the five-match

Test series starting in Brisbane

Jones, the man of the

match, clearly enhanced his chances of selection for the

Test matches, even though his

score was made with lan

Bishop and Courtney Walsh,

the two fast bowlers, bowling

well below their top speed at

It was the medium-pace

bowler, Paul Reiffel, who is

looking for his first Test cap

for Australia, who was the

bowling scourge of the visitors,

taking four for 44 in his ten

Overs. (Reuter) SCORIES: Prime Minister's XI 233-7 (D Jones 76), West Indians 230-9 (D Williams 57; P.R. Reiffel 4-44).

on November 27.

the Manuka Oval.

Contrary to the pattern of recent Castle Cup matches, a hard, bouncy pitch has been prepared at the Kingsmead ground, almost unrecognisable these days with its vast, new stands. Schultz, whose

hostility and movement impressed at Verwoerdburg last weekend, will share the new ball with Donald. Schultz is raw and inexperienced and his selection on the

basis of one good match has strongly criticised in print locally by such as Rice and Allan Lamb. Pringle and McMillan will make good use of the strength-sapping humidity and Henry's left-arm spin could come into its own late in the game. Sadly, thun-derstorms are forecast for

All the South African batsmen have recently made runs, though from No. 7 onwards the tail is longer than India's, whose first ten in the order all

their credit. The touring team have still opted for an extra batsman in either Amre or Jadeja, both uncapped. Amre has been

handicapped by flu while

spinner, took six second-in-

nings wickets as New Zealand

beat Zimbabwe by 177 runs in

the second and final Test

match yesterday and clinched

the series 1-0. Patel claimed

his best Test figures of six for

50 - improving on his six for

113 in the first innings of the

first Test in Bulawayo last

week — as New Zealand dismissed Zimbabwe for 137

Achieving more bounce than turn. Patel did the dam-

age after lunch as Zimbabwe

collapsed from 25 for two to

94 for eight at tea. He cap-

tured the wickets of David

Houghton, the Zimbabwe

captain, Andy Flower, Eddo

Brandes, David Brain and

Alistair Campbell in the sec-

ond session and crowned his

performance by clinching vic-

tory when he trapped the last

man, John Traicos, leg-before

Only Campbell, who scored

35, and a stubborn 46-run

partnership between Gary Crocker and Mark Burmester

for nought

in their second innings.

Patel takes six wickets

as Zimbabwe fold

Harare: Dipak Patel, the off for the ninth wicket offered

Shastri, Azharuddin and Raman are others who have yet to play a long innings on the tour, in either Zimbabwe or South Africa.

Above all, India must be conscious of their appalling record away from home. It is emphasised by noting that 58 of Kapil Dev's 116 Test matches have been played outside India and he has shared in only three victories. Two of these came in England in 1986 and the other in Australia in 1980-1.

Kapil, with 25 wickets, had his best series when India lost 4-0 to Australia last winter and he remains the key figure in their attack. Prabhakar should swing the ball freely here and Srinath has the firepower to unsettle the best.

Shastri will provide the left arm spin, allowing Kumble to be preferred to Raju. Five of the Indian side — Azhar-uddin, Shastri, Kapil Dev. Manjrekar and More - will become the first cricketers to play Tests against eight other

SOUTH AFRICA: K C Wessels (captain), P Kinsten, A C Hudson, S J Cook, J N Princies, B M McMillan, D J Richardson, O Henry, M W Pringle, A A Donald, B N Schultz. NDIA (from): M Astenuddin (captain), R J Shastri, W V Roman, S V Manijrekar, S R Tendulkar, P K Antre, Kapil Dav, M Prabhaker, K S More, A R Kumble, J Srinath, A D Jadeja.

Umpires: S U Bucknor (West Indies), K Lebenberg and C Mitchley (South Africa). ICC referee: C H Lloyd (West Indies).

any resistance. (Reuter)

NEW ZEALAND: First langues 335 (M.) Crowe 140, K.R. Rutherford 74).

Second Innings
M J Greatbatch to Brandes b Brain 13
R T Latinan or Houghton b Brandes 10
A H Jones st A Flower b Traicos 28
M D Crowe Ibw b Traicos 69
N Patel not out 58
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5-262. BOWLING. Brandes 19 4-3-59-2; Brain 16-2-52-1, Crocker 7-0-24-0; Traicos 27-8-70-2; G W Flower 4-0-11-0; Burmester 9-1-44-

ZIMBABME: First innings 283 for 9 dec (K J Amori 68, A J Pycroft 60, A D R Campbell 52, M L Su'a 5 for 85).

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-15, 3-29, 4-34, 5-56, 6-62, 7-71, 8-91, 9-137.

56, 662, 7-71, 8-91, 9-137.
BOWLING: Sura 12-3-30-1: Nech 8-3-19-1; Watson 3-2-3-1; Patel 17-3-5-50-6; Hastern 10-2-33-1
Umpires: H D Bird (England), I D Robinson and K Kanjee (Zimbabwe).
First Test: Bulawayo, match drawn. New Zealand win Neo-match sense 1-0.

Centre of excellence: Gerber showed in France that he still has the power and pace to trouble any defence

Gerber ready to cut down the rose

ot many rugby play-ers have a song writ-ten about them. Max Boyce tried to redress the balance in The Pontypool Front Row by singing of three at the same time but, in South Africa, another light entertainer came up with a pleasantly alliterative line about Danie Gerber - Die Doring

von Despatch. It loses something in trans-lation: doring is Afrikaans for thorn and Despatch is where Gerber grew up, a small town in Eastern Province, not far from Port Elizabeth. The two together transfixed South African rugby supporters when, out of the blue, Despatch won the national club champion-

ship in 1985.

By then, of course, Danie Gerber had already proved himself a thorn in the side of international teams. He scored his first try for South Africa in the unlikely surroundings of Montevideo in 1980 and is his country's leading try scorer, having accumulated 19 in 23 international appearances. How many, you wonder, might he have scored had South Africa not been isolated this past

As a comparison, David Campese, the world's leading try scorer with 51, scored 17 tries in his first 23 games for Australia; in the same span Serge Blanco, second in the world with 38, scored seven David Hands, rugby correspondent, meets a South African who is aiming to make up for lost time at Twickenham tomorrow

third with 35, six. Gerber's strike rate is second to none and he would be happy to round his tally off at 20 when outh Africa play England at Twickenham tomorrow. Mention Blanco and

Gerber's brow furrows; the two men made their international debuts in the same year, but whereas the French full back retired in 1991 with 93 caps after an international career lasting 11 years, the South African centre has, by comparison, a pitiful-haul. The years between 1984 and 1987 were very frustrating because I felt I was at my

best," Gerber said. "We could sit and watch on television the five nations' championship, you could hear the atmosphere and you knew you must stay home. You knew you had nothing to do with the politics; all you wanted to do was play rugby and enjoy it."

Gerber did have the chance

to sample that atmosphere, as he twice played at Twickenham. In 1984, he was part of a president's XV which celebrated the stadium's 75th birthday, and in 1986, he joined the International Rugminding England that he scored one try in the first game and two in the second. against England in the second international of the 1984 summer tour in Johannes-

n his vîsit to Britain the same year, he was accompanied by Errol Tobias, the first black player to win a South African cap. The pair had played together for the Barbarians in 1983 and because Gerber sees the world as he plays, with a sharp, simple focus, there was never a racial problem. "l played with Errol, I helped him coaching rugby and crick-et, I stayed at his home, he

stayed at mine. We didn't worry about the politics." Anxiety gnaws at Gerber before each match, though you would not think so to see him play. He competes with an obvious intensity, a fierce, almost angry commitment underscored by the heavy mane of black hair and the powerful 6ft 2in frame which requires the firmest of tackles.
"Now I am a bit older, I get more anxious about the game.

I don't think 34 is old myself,

after your body, but I know that I have to produce every time I go out there, otherwise people will say I shouldn't still "The younger players, per-haps, can make a mistake or

two and nothing happens but at my age ... "So is this the last we will see of Gerber? "Look, last October I started training because I was determined to try to make the Western Province side this year. I didn't know what would happen with the national side, or about tours, so I thought that if I played a Test, fine, but it was not the end of

the world if I didn't.
"What happened was my
best season of provincial rugby and I still want to play for Western Province next year. I don't think I'll go further than that, I'll have to see how I feel. But to play in a Test at Twickenham is a dream. I never thought it would hap-pen. I've seen videos of Carline and Guscott playing, but I have never worried about my opposite numbers because I am part of a team. They have their strengths, I have mine."
When his colleagues go home next week, Gerber will stay behind as the radio

detection company he works for has its head office in Bristol. Homing in on the tryline, you might say, has been his sporting life's work. You would not bet against England being on the receiving end tomorrow.

defeats Lendl in Antwerp

Ivan Lendl, the No. 4 seed, was beaten 6-4, 6-2 by Mark Woodforde, the unseeded Australian, in the second round of the European Community tennis championship at Antwerp yesterday. Lendl has won the title five times. Jim Courier, the world No.1, entered the quarterfinals with a 6-3, 6-3 win against Javier Sanchez of Spain. Michael Stich, the 1991 Wimbledon champion. beat Carlos Costa, the seventh seed, 5-4, 6-4.

☐ Julie Pullin and Virginia

Humphreys-Davies lost in the doubles quarter-finals to end British hopes in the Texaco Women's Challenge tournament at Manchester yesterday.

Makeshift Wigan

Rugby league: Wigan will take up their familiar position at the top of the Stones Bitter Championship should a makeshift side defeat Widnes at Naughton Park tonight

(Christopher Irvine writes). Casualties of a debilitating recent schedule include Platt, Hampson and Robinson. Betts and Dermott are expected to shake off the effects of influenza, but Widnes expect to encounter less resistance from Wigan than when they lost there 14-2 in a bruising encounter in September.

Wath away

Rugby union: Wath upon Dearne, the Yorkshire II side that is unbeaten in league rugby since spring 1991 and has yet to play at home in the competition, has been drawn away to Metrovick, from Sale, Cheshire, in the fourth round of the Provincial Insurance

Cup on November 28. Their league rivals. Old Modernians, travel to Fleet-wood, while Bridport, who beat Bracknell, semi-finalists last year, in the third round. are home to Bradford-on-Avon.

Alboreto in

Motor racing: Michele Alboreto, of Italy, will drive for the Scuderia Italia Formula One motor racing team next season, the Italian team announced yesterday.

English only

Squash: The British National Squash Championships to be held at the Village Leisure Hotel near Manchester are being turned into an England-only event next year because of the recession.

Price wins

Golf: Nick Price of Zimbabwe withstood Tom Kite's assault on the PGA West course on Wednesday to win the Grand Slam of Golf on the first hole of a sudden-death play off.

Rains finds grounds for optimism as Dorking go for broke



Good box office: Rains plots Plymouth's downfall

By WALTER GAMMIE

DORKING football dub did much soul-searching after winning the right to entertain Plymouth Argyle in the first round of the FA Cup. Should they follow their initial impulse, and play the tie at their barely adequate Meadow-bank Ground, or should they go for the money and switch the tie to Home Park?

"Heart ruled over head," John Rains, the manager, said. "I hope what we won't have made financially we will have made in terms of awareness of what we need to achieve for premier status." Getting an A-grade for their ground is the open sesame for the Diadora League first divi-

Dorking may have plush seats, rescued from a closed



cinema, but they will eventual-

ly have to lay concrete terracing on the ground's grass banks, where scaffolding and planks are being erected this week in a push to lift capacity to 3,600 for the tie on Sunday. If they do not, the upward progress initiated by Martin Collins, the financial director, and Tom Howes, the chairman, when they set up a board of directors in 1985, will come to a halt

Collins, manager for eight years from 1983, took Dorking to promotion from the second division in 1989 after two near misses. Since nelled press interest through, yet pay.

Rains took up the reins, he has forged Dorking into a force in the first division. Among his recruits have been Graham Marriner, the defensive linchpin, who joined after 11 seasons at Bognor Regis, and Steve Tutt, a central midfield player, and Darren Bird, the sweeper, from Kingstonian. "This team would definitely survive in the premier division," Tutt said.

The supporters are beginning to recognise that something special is afoot. An extra 70 trickled back to Meadowbank to swell the regular 170 after the Cup win over Farmborough Town and saw Dorking crush Barking 7-0. Rains learnt a few tricks of the trade from Barrie Williams in his 13 years at Sutton

United. He has carefully chan-

the scorers of Sutton's goals in their 2-1 victory over Coverntry. City in 1989, and the prolific forward combination of Carey Anderson, Phil Grainger and Steve Lunn. Tutt said Rains will not blind his team with detail on Plymouth, "maybe just give us three or four technical points".

the ranks, beyond his brother, Tony, and Matthew Hanlon.

He knows that the mud and bumps of the Meadowbank pitch will not favour Argyle. "John's trying to get it as flat as possible for Sunday but it will never be much to write home about." Tutt said. "To be honest. I'm getting used to it now, but they will not be able to pass the ball like a professional team likes to. Hopefully, we'll be able to capitalise on that." Home advantage may

SNOOKER

Hendry struggles to regain confidence

THE Royal Liver United Kingdom championship begirs its 16-day run at the Preston Guildhall today and reflects the present state of professional snooker. It is the most open in the event's 15year history (Phil Yates writes). Throughout the Eighties, only a select few, headed by Steve Davis, the champion on

a record six occasions, were in with a realistic chance of capturing a title rightly regarded as the game's most prestigious after the world championship.

Stephen Hendry, the world No. 1, who has replaced Davis as the pre-tournament favour-

ite in recent years, is again considered most likely to collect the £70,000 first prize. But having not won in his first five tournaments of the season, he felt it necessary to spend two weeks practising for ien hours a day in an effort to restore his dwindling confidence. John Parrott, the defending

champion, and Jimmy White, the runner-up last year, come to the tournament in good form. Parrott has won events in China and Dubai and beaten Hendry three times while White, after making a mediocre start to the season, won the Rothmans grand prix



6.00 Ceefax (50955) 6.30 Breakfast News starts with Business Breakfast until 6.55 when

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9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (3575787) 9.45 Ross King. Game Show. The guests are Steve Purit and Hugh Dennis from The Mary Whitehouse Exercises (e) (5005200) Experience (s) (5905329)

16.00 News, regional news and weather (7721936) 10.05 Playdays. For the very young (s) (5197145)

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10.30 Good Moming ... with Anne and Nick. Family magazine series presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. Today's edition includes a celebrity leasure guide, Barbara Cartland with a romantic story and weekend shopping advice (s). With News (Ceefax) and weather at 11.00 and 12.00 (42572936)

12.15 Pabble Mill. Alan Titchmarsh is joined by Scottish songstress Barbara Dickson (s) (9337145) 12.55 Regional News and weather Transport.

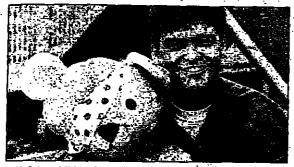
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (99771) 1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (42592936) 1.50 Eldorado (r). (Ceefax)

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2.20 Going for Gold. General knowledge gulz with European contestants. The question-master is the amable Henry Kelly (s) (20068110) 2.45 The Flying Doctors. Medical drama set in the Australian outback (8724752)

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3.30 Cartoon Double Bifl (4864619) 3.45 Bump (f) (1778435) 3.50 Christopher Crocodille. Animation (3642348) 3.55 Superbods. Nicola Daves and Philip Hawthorn continue their journey round the human body (4770226) 4.10 Chipmuniks Go To the Movies (s) (4623787) 4.35 Record Breaters presented by Roy Castle and Cheryl Beker with Ron Reagan Jr. Includes an intentiew with David Gower. (Ceefax) (s) (8683400)
5.00 Newaround (2821771) 5.05 Byker Grove. Drama series set in a Geordie youth centre. (Ceefax) (8141961)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (856394). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax)

Weather (139)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (619). Northern treland: Neighbours
7.00 Eldorado. (Ceefax) (s) (8232)
7.30 Don't Walt Up. George Layton's likeable comedy starring Nigel
Havers and Tony Britton as father and son medics (r). (Ceefax) (503) Northern Ireland: Sportscene.



Helping children in need: Phillip Schoffeld reports (8.00pm)

8.00 Who Are the Children? Phillip Scholield reports on how the money assed by last year's Children in Need appeal was used. (Ceefax)

Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em. Classic comedy with Michael Crawford as the accident-prone Frank Spencer. This week wife Betty persuades him to take a public relations course. With Michael Dotrice (f). (Ceefax) (3787) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Bueric (Ceefax) Regional news

and weather (3526)
 9.30 Between the Lines: Tough drama series about investigations within the police force. This week Tony Clark (Neil Pearson) looks into a youth's suspected suicide while in custody, is it all it seems?

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10.20 Terry Wogan's Friday Night. With Duckey Moore, Nicolas Cage, comedians Damon Wayans and Jim Moris and music from Michael Bolton (s) (239023). Northern Ireland: Anderson on the Box 11.00 Film: Sins of the Mother (1991) starting Elizabeth Montgomery, Taila Balsam and Dale Midkiff. Psychological thriller, based on fact, about an outwardly normal man who has a secret urge to commit rape in reaction to his domineeting mother: Impressive performances help to compensate for an unedifying theme. Directed by John Patterson (94077). Northern Ireland: Teny Wogan's Enday Night 11.50-1.20am Film: Prison for Children 12.30am Weather (8002085)

BBC2 8.00 Breakfast News (4585313) 8.15 Westminster (8846868)

8.00 Breakfast News (4585313) 8.15 westminister (co-roots)
9.00 Daytime On Two. Educational programmes
2.00 News and weather followed by Words and Pictures (r) (52849481)
2.15 Sport on Friday presented by Helen Rollason, Racing from Cheltenham: live coverage of the 2.25, 3.00 and 3.35 races; Netball: highlights of last night's match between England and New Zealand at the Chlery Centre Mannahamer Burthy Lings; a preview of at the G-Mex Centre, Manchester; Rugby Union: a preview of tomorrow's game at Twickenham between England and South Africa. Includes: News (Ceefax) and weather at 3.00 and 3.50

4.00 Catchword, Game for wordsmiths, introduced by Paul Coia (s)

4.30 Behind the Headlines with Shyama Perera. Includes a look at the generation of Cambridge Footights performers which included Stephen Fry. Hugh Laurie and Emma Thompson. Plus, whatever happened to Esperanto — does it have a future in the new Europe?

5.00 Della Smith's Christmas. The first of a six-part guide to cooking at Christmas (r). (Ceefax) (3110)
5.30 Top Gear. A road test on the new Alfa Romeo 155 and a visit to the Isle of Man YT races (r) (s) (868)

6.00 Stingray. Classic puppet adventures (r) (Ceefax) (796329)



Secrat agents: McCallum, Vaughen and Carroll (6.25pm)

6.25 The Man From UNCLE. Spool secret agent series starring Robert Vaughan, David McCallium and Leo G. Carroll (f). (Ceetax) (733416) 7.15 Sounds of the Stotles. The last in the series features Pink Floyd. Donovan and the Rolling Stones, among others (f) (s) (967023) 7.45 What the Papers Say with Annika Savill of The Independent

7.45 What the Papers say (1) (319394)
8.00 Public Eye: Sex in the Forbidden Zone, Jenny Cuffe reports on cases of psychotherapy patients being sexually abused by their therapists. (Ceetad) (9394)
8.30 Royal Gardens.

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OCHOICE: Sir Roy Strong is nothing if not a card but as this series has 'proceeded his unconventional appearance has seemed increasingly at odds with the reverence of his commentary. He started Royal Gardens by attacking the terrible things done to Hamption Court. He finishes it by drooling over Buckingham Palace garden parties and bemoaring the fact that in these straightened times svent royal gardens must sam their keep. It comes to something when Balmoral and Sandningham have to charge entrance fees and sell plants, while at Highgrovis the Prince of Wales has to make do with only three full-time gardeners. Much of lonight's film is about Highgrove, described by Strong as the most important garden created in the 1980s. The Prince himself turns up to extol the virtues of cow durg. (Ceefax) (1329)
9.00 Pandora's Boxt The League of Gentlemen. The story of how, 30 years ago, a group of economists convinced British politicians that

years ago, a group of economists convinced British politicians that they had foolproof means to make the country great again (r).

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(Ceetex) (1225)

10.08 Have I Got News For You. Rude and furny topical quiz show hosted by Angus Deayton. Ian Histop and Paul Merton are joined by Rory Bremner and Kan Livingstone (s) (82874)

10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow (386665) 11.15 Weather (820874)

11.20 Film: La Grande Illusion (1937, b/w).

© CHOCE: Jean Renolt's powerful plea for reconcillation across the boundaries of nation and class may have failen on too many deaf ears at the time and it was not surprisently beneat in Nazi deaf ears at the time and it was not surprisingly banned in Nazi Germany. Several wars later it remains a classic statement about settling differences without recourse to arms. Renoir draw on his own experiences in a first world war prison camp in developing the story of three French prisoners of war (Pierre Fresnay, Jean Gabin and Marcel Dalio) and their German commandant (Erich von Stroheim). The Frenchmen are an aristocrat, a proletarian and a Jew. The commandant is their natural enemy. The message of the film, though never a crudely propagandist one, is that they are all human beings. It is put across with Renoir's masterly touch, he/ped

by a set of exemplary performances. (624313) 1.10am Behind the Headlines. As 4.30pm (8384269). Ende at 1.45 Commence of the

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6.00 TV-am (6446972) 9.25 Keynotes. Music game show hosted by Alastair Divall (4045226) 9.55 Thames News (5000665) 10.00 The Time... The Place... Topical discussion programme

(4748565) 10.35 This Morning. Magazine senes presented by Anna Southry and

Richard Bath (90568435) 12.10 Rainbow. Early-learning series (r) (2209023)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Susseler and Nicholas Owen. (Oracle) Weather (3150874) 1.05 Thames News (58615787)

1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Oracle) (561941)
1.45 A Country Practice. Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (911482) 2.15 Highway to Heaven. Jonathan, the apprentice angel, and Mark his human helper, become police drugs counsellors at a high school,

Starring Michael Landon and Victor French (4020058) 3.10 ITN Nows headlines (9462232) 3.15 Thames News headlines (9461503) 3.20 GP. Australian medical drama set in a suburban

surgery (3675042) 3.50 Scooby Doo, Cartoon (4766023) 4.05 Astro Farm. Puppet animation about a family farming in space (s) (9254313) 4.15 Victor
And Hugo Cartoon misadventures of a pair of incompetent crooks
(4544226) 4.42 Knightmare. Dungeon game set in medieval times
(8675481) 5.05 Cartoon featuring Porky Pig (8695690)

5.15 LWT News and weather (2341874)

5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (750771)
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (435)
6.30 Park High. The first in a repeat of the fly-on-the-wall series about life in a suburban comprehensive school (787)
7.00 Family Fortunes. Game show hosted by Les Dennis. (Oracle) (s) (8400)

7.30 Coronation Street, (Ceeiax) (771)



The Plant triplets: Clarke, Steadman, Broadbent (8.00pm)

 CHOICE: Tony Grounds, who perined last year's watchable cornedy-drama Gone to the Dogs, has resassembled the same stars for his new series, a tall tale about a feuding family of working class Londoners who live in the shadow of Tower Bridge. Alson Steadman, Warren Clarke and Jim Broadbent play middle-aged triplets and Sheila Hancock is their domineering mum. At issue is the future of the family business, a garden centre. Murn is nearing retirement but won't give it up. Broadbent dreams of turning it into a country and western Disneyland, while Clarke is taking backhanders from a comman (Peter Cook) who wants the land for a heliport. The plotting may be conventional and the characters overdrawn but the excellent cast and Grounds's officeat humour help to get the series off to a promising start. (Ceefax) (s) (1416) 9.00 Crime Story: A Question of Identity. Bernard Hill stars in the reconstruction of the true story of a communist spy living in London

under the identity of a young Dutch boy who died after the war. One day he is contrarted by an elderly lady claiming to be the boy's

mother (Oracle) (8752)

10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Oracle) Weather (328503)

10.35 LWT News (328706)

10.40 The London Programme. The home ownership nightmare of former council house tenants (366110)
 11.10 Caught on Camera. Paul Ross introduces carncorder clips of

17.10 Caught on Camera. Paul Hoss introduces camcorder clips or amazing real-life moments (s) (317110)

11.40 Dial Midnight. Phone-in entertainment series (447145)

1.05am Bob Downs Under. Current trends in the Antipodes (4109714)

2.10 CinemAttractions. Movie news from the United States (9866375)

2.40 Raw Power. Rock music magazine (s) (1029795)

3.40 Baseball '92 from America (2475379)

4.35 Burke's Law (b/w). Virtuge American police drama series starting

Gene Barry as the eponymous Beverly Hills cop (4828004)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman (66733). Ends at 6.00

play starring Laurence Olivier (26907752) 9,00 The Brave Little Toaster (1987)

south Dennis Hopper to jail (88661)

11.00 Friday the 13th Part V: A New Beginning (1965): Hormr story (509145)

12.35am The Thing (1982): Kurt Russell and learn disturb a trozen aben (29838)

2.25 Targets (1968). A sniper stalks Bons Kartoff (398530)

4.00 Pretty Bathy (1977): Brooke Shields is

Karloff (396530) 4.00 Pretty Baby (1977): Brooke Shields is a child prostitute (75627). Ends at 6.00

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 6.30em Stretch (37435) 7.00 Torque (7396)

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6.00 Cartoons (14665) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (89394) 9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show (s) (96077) 9.30 Schools (774394) 12.00 The Parliament Programme (94923)

12.30 Sesame Street The guest is acress Whoopi Goldberg (40597)
1.30 The Herbs. Animation (92799110) 1.45 The Clangers

2.00 Film: The Story of Esther Costello (1957, b/w) The Joan Crawford season continues with this stirring melodrama about a wealthy American socialite who adopts an inish blind mute (Heather Sears) only to see her fraudulent publicat husband (Rossano Brazzi) exploit the relationship. Directed by David Miller (416139) 3.55 The Emperor's New Armour. R.O. Blechman's animated fable

4.00 Travelog. Pete McCarthy visits Holland and Robert Elms is in Miami (r). (Teletext) (s) (400) 4.30 Fifteen To One. Knock-out general knowledge quiz (s) (684)

5.00 Cutting Edge: Compades. A repeat of Monday's documentary about members of the Militant Tendency (7313) 6.00 Blossom. Comedy series about a teerage girl in an all-male Los

Angeles household (s) (357) 6.30 Happy Days. Nostalgic American cornedy senes starring Henry Winkler and Scott Baio. (Teletext) (329)
 7.00 Channel 4 News- with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext)

Weather (576503)

7.50 First Reaction (694597) 8.00 Brookside (Teletext) (s) (9990)



8.30 Short Stories: Still Missing.

● CHOICE: The half-hour documentary slot returns for a new series with the poignant story of a murdered woman and a family that refuses to rest until the remains are discovered. Helen McCourt disappeared on her way home from work in February 1988. A publican was arrested and convicted of her murder but Helen's body was never found. Ever since then Mane, her mother, and other relatives, have spent most of their spare hours trying to find Helen in order to give her a proper burial. Eva Cieszewska's film cannot, alas, bring the tale to a conclusion. What it does is to follow some of the family's more desperate initiatives, such as calling in a clairvoyant, while bringing out the extraordinary resilience of people who have been disappointed so often (3597)

9.00 Spirit of Trees. The fourth of Dick Warner's eight-part series on pritary's trees and woodlends. This work has most two more who

Britain's trees and woodlands. This week he meets two men who

are trying to maintain the ancient traditions of coppice-wood management. (Teletext) (3416)

9.30 Cheers. Sam learns something about Diana's romance with her new boyfnend that leads him, mistakenty, to believe she is still in love with him (r). (Teletext) (35400)

10.00 Nurses. Black medical comedy series. (Teletext) (s) (44482) 10.30 Clive Anderson Talks Back. With Stephen Fry, Jason Donovan

and Lord (Nigel) Lawson (s) (380481)
11.10 The Word. Youth music and style magazine. Includes interviews with Marion Wayons and Bridget Fonda and music from Faith No More and Aly Us (557226)

12.10am Film: Lizzie (1957, b/w). Tense psychological drama stamng Eleanor Powell as a drab young woman who turns out to have two other, suppressed, personalities. Directed by Hugo Haas (3686694) 1.40 The Twilight Zone: To Serve Man (b/w). Classic science fiction tales (4763453)

2.05 American Football: Play Action (9865646). Ends at 2.35

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SKY MOVIES+

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Vin the Astra satellite
6.15pm The King of Comedy (1982):
Robert De Niro kidneps Jerry Lews
(26393077) 8.00 Klandike Fever (1979):
Rod Steger jors the gold rush (91042)
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PADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00em Alex Lester 6.15 Pause for Thought 6.30 Brian Hayes 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruss 11.30 Charles Kenriedy 2.00em Gloria Hunnstord 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Qunn 7.00 The Stan Freberg Show 7.30 Fadey Night is Music Night 8.45 Don Innes at the pisno 9.00 Listen to the Band: Sellers Engineering Bend under Philip McCann 18.00 Fadio 2 Aris Programme visus the Hull Lastrary Festival 12.05em Jazz Parade 12.25-4.00 John Terrett with Night Ride

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6.00am World Servos. World News: 6.00

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6.30 Denny Baler's Morning Edition 9.00 Schools: Topic Resources 9-11: 9.16 Playtime,
9.30 The Music Box: 9.46 Something to Thirk About: 10.00 Music Workshop 10.28 Wiggly,
Park 10.30 Johnnie Waller 12.30pm Where Were You in ... 1990? 1.00 News Update 7.10 1,
2, 3, 4, 5 1.25 BFBS Worldwide 2-30 A Game of Two Halves 4.30 Five Aside 6.30 Greywing
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10.35 A Peritional Journey (1963), b/w).
Women sail to California (57739955)
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2.15 After the Shock (1990); The 1999 Sen France cearthquake (48149400)
4.35 Beauty and the Beast (1987); Fairy-tale staming Rehecca DeMomay (64767955)
7.00 Sweet Revenge (1990); Romanto comedy staring Carrie Richer (23706)
9.00 Flashback (1990); Keler Sufferland escorts Dennes Houser to tail (98661) • Via the Astra satelife 10.00am Cyril Pietcher's Lifestyle Garden (49597) 10.30 Cover Story (62145) 11.00 Gloss (1065) 11.30 The Joan Rivers Show (300348) 12.15pm Saly Jessy Raphael (9556435) 1.10 Lunchow (94475868) 1.40 Sala Mirror (2009013) 3.10 Merry Many Self-a-Vision (22888313) 2.10 Winter Music Sena-Vision (228831)3 2.10 Winter Misc (\$461348) 3.00 The New Newtywed Came (6436) 3.30 The Mothers-in-Law (6856) 4.00 Dick Van Dyke Show (2771) 4.30 Amenican Cameshows (61874) 5.30 Self-a-Vision (5435) 6.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (50049) 7.00 Self-a-Vision (555481) 10.00 Music Videos (6153680) 2.30gm Top Five (13998)

UK GOLD

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documentary (94690); 1.00am Boxing
(4735822); 4.30 World Heavyweight Tale
Evander Hotyfield v Riddick Bowe (89462)

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RADIO 3

6.55atn Weather 7.00 On Air, with Chris de Souza. ircluding Suffivan (Overture, Princeus Ida, Scotlish CO under Alexander Faris), Arnold Flute Concerto No 1: Edward Becket London Festival Orchestra under Ross Pople): Becthoven (Piano Trio in C minor. Op 4: Beaux Arts Trio); Parker Op 4 Julius Kalchen, paraj, Arensty (Volan Concern) in A minor. Op 54: Aaron Rosand, Orchestra of Fado Livermburg under law of Former? (s de Froment درجيا

Composers of the Week:
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5. Stenhammer (Romance of Eminor, Op. 28 No. 2. Pano. Concerto No 2 m D minor) 19.00 Morning Sequence: Mozart
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nouting the arias Mozart Triposed for his sister-in-law Voysia Weber (r) .00cm News Tas Bristol Lunchtime Concert:
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class Herbert Howells (Three
Extres, Op 14, Slow Cance);
Margaret Lenders (Erits) Kenneth Leighton (Four Pomærlie Pieces)

2.00 Mining the Archive: Stephen Johnson introduces a concent from the 1906 Proms BBC Charus and Charat Society: 28C SC under Antal Doran performs Mozart (Masonic Furteral Music, K477; Ave Varum Corpus, K618. Kyne m Diminor K341) 2.25 Antal. Corati talks about conducting. r a 1986 interview. 2.25 Scatterian (Mesa Solemnis) 11,30 Midnight Oil, presented by Philo Tagney 4.00 Unsecompanied Bach Example Wallingth, violen, pays Sonate No 2 in Aminor. 67/4 1003

4.30 Traditional Music from

programmes 5.00 in Tune; Richard Baker

7.15 Tender is the North: Live from the Barbican Hall, London, the first of three

treland: Catherine Ennis presents the second of two

presents music, news and weather, and talks to the harpist Sidonie Goossens

London, the first of three concerts teaturing the symphonies of the Danish composer Carl Nielsen. City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra under Simon Rattle, with Solveig Kringleboth, soprano, Olat Bar, bartione, performs Nielsen (Symphony No 1 in G minor); Mahler flueder eines fahrenden Gesellen). 8.05 Alobert Layton discusses Nielsen, 8.25 Nielsen (Symphony No 3;

Nielsen (Symphony No 3; Smlonia Espansiva)

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senes, if only to explain the

true meaning of crescendo to those who constantly misuse 2, and to have as much fun with prozecuto as he had lest

minor, K397) 19.45 The Travels of the Buttuta:

12.30-12.35 am News 1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)

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9.10 in a Word . . . Musical Sound Effects • CHOICE: David Huckvale's

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9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island-Discs: Sue Lewley's Caster is the author Christabel Bielenberg (s) (r) 9.45 Feedback, with Chris Dunkley 9.45 Feedback, with Chris Dunkey 10.00-10.30 Newe; Magic Moments (FM only): Moving the Goalposts. Nigel Fountain examines how the abolition of

examines how the abolition of the maximum wage in 1961 changed the nature of British football (s) 10.00 Dailly Service (LW only) 10.15 Paradise Lost: John Milton's epic poem (9/41) 10.30 Weman's Hour: Jenni Murray Invites listeners to ring 071-580 4444 to discuss whether parents should be held responsible for the offences committed by their children. Lines open from 9am, Incl

12.00 You and Yours 12.00 You and Yours
12.25pm The Food Programme
samples cheeses and reports
on eating and growing food in
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Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Classic Seriel: The
Master and Margarita. The first
of a four-part dramatisation of
Mikhall Bulgakov's novel (s) (r)
3.00 Special Assignment: Philip
Short, Far East corresponders, reports on the UN operation to restore a semblance of

with piczicato as he had last Monday with glissando 9.20 Melvyo Tan, fortepiano, plays Mozart (Rondo in D. K485); Haydh (Sonata in F. H XVI 23); Mozart (Sonata in F. K309; Rondo in A minor, K511); Beethoven (Sonata in C. Op 2 No 30); Mozart (Fantasia in D more K397) celebrated book. The Fibliah, offers a fascinating insight into the medieval Islamic world. Read by Lee Mantague play, Lost in Yonkers, starring Maureen Lipman; and visits the Hull Literature Festival (s)

5.55 Weather 6.00 Stx O'Clock News

Lines open from 9am. Incl. 11.00 News 11.30 The Natural History

restore a semblance of democracy to Cambodia
3.30 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde considers the last of political biography, and reviews Robert Baldock's biography of Pablo Casals (s) 4.00 News
4.05 Kateldoscope reviews the Scandinavian exhibitions in London, and Neil Smon's play. Lost in Youleys staming

RADIO 4

Short Story: At Hindharama, by Penelope Fitzgerald. Read by Susan Curnow (r)
 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.50 Weather.

6.30 Going Places: Janet Trewin hosts the transport programm 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers (s) 7.20 Pick of the Week, with Chris Serie (s) 8.05 Arry Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby chairs a discussion

Diribioloy chairs a discussion in Liverpool. The panel is Patrick Minford, professor of applied economics, Liverpool University, John Pfiger, journelist; Dr Ann Robinson, head of Policy Unit, Institute of Directors; and fire Rt Rev Devid Shepperd, Bishop of Liverpool Liverpool 8.50 Law in Action, with Marcel

Berlins 9.15 Kaleidoscope: A Disgrace to 5 Kateldoscope: A Disgrace to the Community

CHOICE: Kaleidoscope's feature about the potentical Scots poet Hugh MacDiarmid, born 100 years ago, was assembled in the only part of Britisin where there are enough ears trained fully to comprehend what presenter Robart Crawford calls MacDiarmid's "spectacular MacDiarmid's "spectacular use of Scots". This is, then, Scotland's very own assessment of one of its most. controversial poetical sons. "A disgrace" is not what others have said about MacDiarmid. It is what he believed others

thought should be out on his tombstone. None of those "others" is included in tonight's line-up of contributing poets (r)

9.45 Letter from America, by Alister Cooke 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight (s) 10.45 A Book at Bedfilme: Herr Bambinger, by Mordecai Richler. Read by William Beharts (A

Roberts (r)

11.00 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news (s) 11.25 The Financial Week, with Heather Payton 11,45 Today to Parlier 12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 World Service (LW only)

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SATELLITE

 Via the Astra and Marcopole exhibites
 6.00am The DJ Kar Show (68049674) 8.40
 Mrs Pepperpot (3210232) 8.55 Playabout (7523329) 8.10 Cartoons (8327955) 9.30 The Pyramid Game (65394) 10.00 Let's Make e Deal (80503) 10.30 The Bold and the Boautiful (43955) 11.00 The Young and the Resilass (15787) 12.00 St Diswhere (52145) 1.00pm. E Street (19503) 1.30 Geraldo (77313) 2.30 Another World (29

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10.00 Baby of the Bride (1991): Rue
McClanehan is pregnant (71226)
12.00 How to Beat the High Cost of Living
(1980): Housewhes turn to crime (95435)
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8,00 Over Her Dead Body (1990): Elizabeth
Pertins falls her sister (85249413)
10.00 Tempo and Cash (1988): Sylvester
Stellone and Kurt Russell team up (636029)
11,45 Blood Fight. Mertial arts (32226)
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stockbrooker is imprisoned (561761)
3,00 Deeth Before Debrooker (1987). Fred
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THE MOVIE CHANNEL,

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Footballing injury rules Hunter out of the England side for Twickenham

Underwood joins the brotherhood

By David Hands RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

TONY Underwood, Leicester wing, was called into the England team yesterday for tomorrow's rugby union international with South Africa, their first match at Twickenham for 23 years and the climax to their tour of France and England.

Underwood, 23, joined his older brother, Rory, who is 29 the first time England have fielded brothers in the same match since 1938 — after Ian Hunter withdrew as the result of a bizarre training accident. The Northampton player was tackled heavily during an impromptu game of football at his club on Tuesday evening and suffered a severe haematoma on his right leg.

Despite treatment, Hunter, who made his international debut alongside Tony Underwood against Canada last month, decided to pull out before England trained yesterday morning. "I was bitterly disappointed but I would never have forgiven myself if I had played on Saturday and been forced to go off after five minutes," Hunter, a full back for his club but played by his country on the right wing.

Both players toured together with England B in New Zealand last summer and have not let their sporting rivalry disturb a strong friendship. "Hunts and I agreed before last weekend that Rory would get one wing spot and it was a case of who got the other," the younger Underwood said. wood said.

"He took his chance against Canada and now it's up to me to take mine. It means I can consolidate and 1 hope that the experience I had before the Canada game will help me relax a bit more this time. It's hard to really accept what has happened and right now I feel very sorry for lan. "But you have to be profes-

sional and clinical about it. I have been in the squad for two

Scene from behind: the South Africans enjoy the autumn sunshine as they limber up at the Stoop Memorial ground yesterday

years, I know the other players and I must make the most of the turn of events."

The last brothers to play together for England were the two forwards from Coventry, Harold and Arthur Wheatley. Rory Underwood, who has played more times (55) and scored more tries (35) for England than any other player, has played in an England shirt with his brother, against the Barbarians in 1990, but

not in a full international. But

they play dub and divisional rugby together and Rory said: it's great for Tony." Underwood was called up

on Wednesday and took a full part in England's private training at the Stoop Memorial ground yesterday. "We feel quite confident that, although the team has suffered a change in personnel and we lose Hunter's power, we have a specialist wing going in who is very quick," Geoff Cooke, manager, said.

"It's a position where we have good cover. Tony played a good game for England B at Bristol last week and I have no doubt we will get another good one out of him on Saturday. Ian has learned a very harsh lesson. .I feel sorry for him, but it was a bit of a daft thing to do." While England made their

technical adjustments, the team management was delighted to know that Jona-than Webb's medical career will nermit him to complete this season as full back with Bath and England, though Webb remains uncertain about his availability for the British Isles tour to New Zealand next summer. He takes up a new post in Swindon in February and will transfer a year later to Oxford. " I've been told I can still

play for Bath whilst I'm in Swindon, so I'll be able to turn out for England until the end of the season," Webb said. "But once I've moved to Oxford, at the start of next season, I won't realistically be able to play for Bath. And if I don't play club rugby, I can't

SIX years ago, Ted Croker, then a leading light in the Football Association, de-

clared that the best place for

women to be on Saturday

afternoons was in front of the

television watching a film while their men were at a

Things have changed since

then - so much so that

Charles Hughes, the FA's director of coaching, found

himself addressing an audi-

ence of 200 women at a

special conference at the Nat-

ional Sports Centre, Lille-

shall, yesterday. The agenda tackled such

issues as teaching football to

schoolgiris — the FA has

recently permitted mixed

matches among children up

to the age of II - the launch

of a champion coaching

scheme for female footballers

and ways of expanding the

growing band of premier and

their own women's teams.

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However, if the women's

game is to succeed, it needs

official blessing and Hughes

is expected to announce short-

ly that the Women's Football

Association (WFA) will merge

with the FA, the governing

body of the sport in England.

Such a merger would pro-

see myself playing for England." Meanwhile, the South Afri-

cans, balancing sporting demands with a heavy social handful of the tour party from a sponsors' lunch at Richmond, where they trained. Things are getting too much and we are here to play rugby," Abie Malan, the manager, said. His team was due to attend a House of Comning and will be at a lunch at South Africa House today.

"Unfortunately, South Africa are not accustomed to touring so there was nobody in our union who could strike out functions when the calendar became too high," Malan added. After three months, in which South Africa have played the four strongest countries in world rugby, it is no wonder the pace is beginning



vide more than just moral support. It would also help financially and open doors. Leading clubs would more readily offer their grounds for

important matches, the best

coaches and facilities would

be made available and travel

arrangements would be sim-plified and subsidised.

Already, the FA employs a

team of regional women's

football directors charged

with creating a structure to

support the sport in the

community. They rely on men like Pat Howard, once a

professional player with Newcastle United and

Arsenal but now football ad-

ministrator for the city of

"A few years ago, I was very cynical about women's foot-

ball," he said. "Today, some of

my friends who are also ex-

pros look amazed when I tell

them I not only coach girls

but that between 25 and 30

per cent of my workload

involves women's football.

We all know the old jokes and

Salford.

Women find a place on the pitch

Louise Taylor finds women's football enjoying

new respect from the game's establishment

and taking steps to develop its great potential

RFU makes moves to restore anthem

By David Hands

THE argument over the sing-Stem" - or "The Call of South ing of national anthems before the rugby union international at Twickenham tomorrow moved from the arena yesterday.

After the public protests that greeted the announcement of the Rugby Football Union (RFU) on Monday that no anthems would be played, it remains possible that "God Save the Queen" will be sung. "Diplomatic sources are at

work to see whether our players and spectators can sing the anthem." Dudley Wood, the RFU secretary, said. "We had an agreement with the South African Rugby Football Union (Sarfu) before. They were un-happy that there would be an anthem for England and not for them."

It is common for only one anthem to be sung at rugby internationals: only the "Marseillaise" was played be-fore South Africa's matches with France last month and when England play Ireland, the home side plays its own anthem. Will Carling, the England captain, expressed the hope that the debate would not distract his players from their preparations, though he said the team would be happier if the anthem was sung. It was the playing of "Die

dichés about women in foot-

hall but times have changed and are still changing. There

is a great deal of untapped potential in women's football

To fulfil that potential, they

need expert coaching from

individuals like Sue Lopez,

the director of women's

coaching and a former England international. "I com-

Africa " - before the South Africa-New Zealand interna-

Then, during South Africa's tour of France, an impromptu rendition of the anthem by the players, including Naas Botha, the captain, at their team hotel, led to bitter criticism from liberal sections of the South African press. The main VETSE Says.

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resound; From our plains where creaking wagons Cut their trails into the

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"There are talks going on."

Arrie Oberhober, general manager of Sarfu, said. "Our anthem ["Die Stem"] has be come a political statement and we are trying to denude it of

Australia rules, page 46

pleted my full FA coaching badge with 40 men at Lilleshall recently," she said.

"One or two sceptics apart; they were unbelievably sup-

portive. There has been a

radical change from the Sev-

enties, when I was embar-

rassed to say I played

Sue Law, an England inter-national, said: "I never

thought I'd sit and talk about

women's football in the same

room as Charles Hughes. The way change has accelerated is incredible. But the FA are not

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ignoring women they were overlooking half the

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often get so involved in the

game they don't realise or

forget they are women play-

ing. Seeing is believing."

Women's athletics, golf

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population.

Championship • field likely to be doubled

BY STUART JONES, POOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE final stages of the 1996 European football champion-ship, to be hosted by England, are expected to feature 16 nations. The organising committee of Uefa, the sport's governing body, recent ed yesterday that the nonrna-ment, which was to have involved only eight countries as in Sweden last summer. should be doubled in size.

The break-up of the Soviet Union and Yngoslavia persuaded the committee, at a meeting in Frankfort, that the decision reached in March should be altered. The executive committee of Ucta is in announce the final verdict in istanbul at the end of the

"An increase in the number of teams competing in the final round uright be feasible, given the growing number of national football associations in Europe and the increasing popularity of the competition." Rudy Rothenbuler, a spokesman for the committee. said. This year's finals in Sweden proved to be a resounding success.

Glen Kirton, the director of Euro 96 and the Football Association's representative in Frankfurt, welcomed the change of heart. Since he had originally planned to accom-modate 16 finalists in eight grounds, he will need only to reopen the files on potential venues that were reluctantly

dosed some eight mouths ago. As well as Wembley, the areas in which the finals and perhaps both semi-finals are to be held. Villa Park and Old

stronger, as have these in favour of Goodison Park and Notingham's City Ground

The other leading dates are Americal or i Palace in the south and either field United, Newcastle Uni-ted or Sundenland in the Wilmore, the FA's ne

it is good news because it will involve more anomani-ties around the country, give more supporters the opportu nity to watch live internations football and provide better commercial benefits."
Egidius Braun,

new capacity as the chairman of the organising committee. Lemmant Johannson, the president of Usia and Gerhard Aigner, the general

secretary, were also in atten-

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cantly weighty support was lear to the recommendation.

England recall Parker

PAUL Parker was given the chance to revive his internahe was called into the England squad for the World Cup qualifying game against Tur-

Parker, the Manchester United defender who won the Germany at Wembley in September 1991, was called in after Tony Dorigo became the second full back to withdraw from the party in 24 hours. David Bardsley, of Queens Park Rangers, pulled out on Wednesday.

Graham Taylor, the England manager, has delayed making a decision over Dorigo's Leeds team-mate, David Batty, who has damaged ankle ligaments. Gary Parker, who was in line to

squad after injuring stomach

Webb's £800,000 United to Nottingham Forest was held up yesterday after the midfield player was bitten by

Instead of discussing per Clough, the Nottingham Forest manager, Webb had to receive hospital treatment to an infected knee.

Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, was banned from the touchline for a month by a Football Association disciplinary committee after being found guilty of

swearing at a referee. The ban was imposed for comments made to Marin Bodenham, of Coruwall, when Wimbledon met Blackreplace Batty, is also out of the burn Rovers in September.



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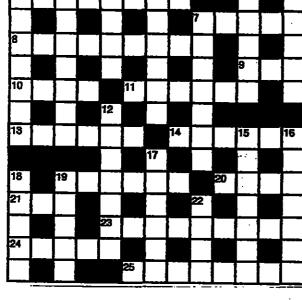




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